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May 2, 2023

President's Message

This month's club meeting will be in person on May 9th at 6:30pm at the Coral Gables in East Lansing back banquet room. We will have our grant winner from last year, Kandace Griffin giving us an update on her research project from last summer. For those of you that can't make it in person a Zoom link was sent out with this newsletter as well as posted on the Red Cedar Fly Fishers Facebook page.

Our spring online auction fundraiser is ready to go and will start on May 5th at 6:00pm Eastern time. A link to the auction was sent out in the email with this newsletter. The auction is our main fundraiser of the year and we are looking for some great results this year as we have quite a few items that belonged to Terry Greiner in this auction. It was his wish that most of his fly fishing gear be divided between the Red Cedar Fly Fishers and the Great Lakes Council for fundraising purposes.

Hope everyone has gotten a chance to get out fishing.

See you at the meeting.

Mark



1981 McKenzie Cup Winners

The Red Cedar Fly Fishers is a Charter Club of Fly Fishers International.

It's purpose is to promote fly-fishing through Education, Restoration and Conservation

Online Auction

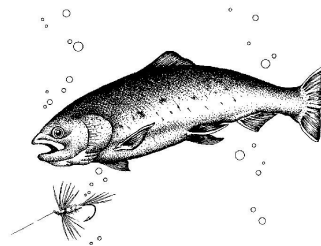
By: Mark Johnson

The Spring online fundraising auction is all set to go live. We will be running the auction from May 5th at 6:00pm Eastern time until May 14th, 6:00pm Eastern time. You will receive the link to the auction in the email with this newsletter. You can open the link and preview the auction but can't bid until the starting date and time. There are a lot of nice items on the auction this year and quite a few items that belonged to Terry Greiner. The items that belonged to Terry are noted in the item description. The auction page also contains a button where you can just leave a donation to the club if you are not inclined to want to actually bid on an item. Donations are greatly appreciated to help us achieve our objectives. For those of you on Facebook, we will be posting the auction link on the Red Cedar Fly Fishers Facebook page as well as the Great Lakes Council Facebook page. We are asking those on Facebook to go to one of those two postings and share the post on your Facebook feed. This will help us to get the word out to more people about the auction.

A Blast from the Past.....

By: Mark Johnson

So I believe most of you know I recently retired at the beginning of this year. I have been cleaning out my downstairs office and rearranging things and came across (2) 3-ring binders. In opening them up, one of them is filled with cut out articles of the "Michigan Fly Box" fly patterns from the MUCC magazine and date from the 1990's to the early 2000's, most of them written by Jeff Andrews. A neat find and one I'll have to read through more. I'll see if I can bring this book to a few meetings so others can browse through it. The other binder is filled with early club rosters, letters, communications and some very early newsletters of the Red Cedar Fly Fishers, dating from the late 1970's into the early 1980's. This binder looks like it belonged to John Wylie based on his name and address on the mailing portion of the newsletters. Another member gave these to me and I can't remember who now, hopefully someone will let me know if you were the one. I browsed through a few of the newsletters and thought it would be fun to reproduce a few here from time to time to let others see them. So here goes.....The first one on the following 2 pages on yellow paper is Volume one, Number one from December 1979. It is amazing to think that here we are 43 years later still going strong as a club. I think that says a lot about the members that over the years have done the many things needed to keep this club going strong. The second newsletter is one from October 1980 and what caught my eye about this one is on page two, an article called "Harry's Handy Hints" written by our own Harry Barnes! It may be time to resurrect this column again! Anyway, thought you might enjoy reading through these two newsletters. I'll post more from time to time.



Tapers, Tippets & Tales

Red Cedar Fly Fishers

VOLUME ONE - NUMBER ONE

DECEMBER 1979

Hello and welcome aboard for the maiden voyage of Tapers, Tippets and Tales. Hopefully it will not only be a pleasant voyage but also a long one. It can be both especially with member contribution. Rest assured, you will be asked to make contributions in later issues. Together we can and will make this newsletter a successful and useful organ of our organization. Part of the joy of belonging to a club such as ours is the sharing of information and self with the other members and -- for that matter -- with all concerned. Perhaps, too, to those unconcerned. And the best way to share these "goodies" is through your newsletter.

Perhaps a little clarification of the newsletter bannerline is in order. Tapers will signal that section of the newsletter dealing with past, present or future news and events that will be useful and informative to the membership. Tippets will broadcast techniques and tips which will be gleaned from each members' vast storage of knowledge. Remember that the least can educate the best and that which is not shared is not a treasure. Those who have reached the apex of their learningquest had best think about learning to plow the field again. A swap or sale segment, if warranted, will also be in this section. Tales will contain elements of prose or poetry and what-have-you. Perhaps, as a continuing feature, a profile of a member would be in order. Let me know about this. While the initial issue will not strongly adhere to the format, future issues will.

TAPERS:

Our off-season bust will be held December 11th at 7:00 P.M. at the Kinawa School in Okemos. This will be a family affair with the gang bringing a main dish and salad/dessert. You have been or will be contacted as to your appearance. Make it a point to show up and be a federator. Also the internal raffle at the dinner will be our only fund raiser for the year. With that thought in mind lets have 100%

participation and get that green out of your pockets/ purses. The prizes will be personal donations, preferably self-created, of each member. There should be some jim-dandies.

And last but certainly not least, the Grand Prize will be a free weekend jaunt at Barothy's Lodge on the Pere Marquette. As a few of the guys may attest, this will be a glorious prize. The only way to go to Barothy's for that weekend without spending \$95. is to participate in the raffle.

The entertainment for the evening will be choice of guitar/harmonica music featuring J. Balthazar Jarrett and his Dancin' Bears or a superb movie called Three Trout to Dream About. I haven't seen this one for a long time but do remember that I bought a TV set just to watch it. I was not disappointed.

See you at the dinner! Right? Right!

The January meeting of the club will not be at the normal meeting place, Kinawa. Instead we have special treat in store. Ray White has graciously invited us to spend an evening at the Natural Resources Building on the MSU campus (The polar bear building.) Ray will demonstrate and explain the workings of the fluvarium -- a created trout stream. Mark down January 8th on your calendar.

TIPPETS:

Next issue.

TALES:

Likewise.

Addendum:

All contributions will be accepted gratefully, of course.
Phone them in at [redacted] to

Tapers, Tippetts & Tales

Red Cedar Fly Fishers

OCTOBER, 1980

Ed: Daniel E. Cogan

NEXT MEETING: October 14, at 7:30 pm. Socialize and tie flies until the business meeting starts at 8:00 pm. Please bring your FFF membership card so we can get the expiration date for the club records.

Mike Kennedy will discuss how to dress, skin and tan various hides and animal skins for the program portion of the meeting.

FROM OUR PRESIDENT: Every year at this time the board of directors of this organization begins to rack their brains trying to come up with monthly programs that will be of interest to us all. So far this year, thanks mostly to Mike Kennedy, we have been able to come up with two very interesting programs.

But now we begin to pull out our hair trying to keep everyone's interest. It's here that we all need to pitch in with our ideas. If any of you have any suggestions about a monthly program that you would like to see or would be willing to put on yourself, please contact Mike Kennedy or me.

Remember, it's up to all of us to keep this organization improving and growing.

DECEMBER RAFFLE: As in the past our club will be having a family potluck dinner and raffle during our December meeting. In the past, these raffles have been good money makers for our club as well as a good time for all who attend. Raffle prizes contributed by the club members, be it flies or tying materials always add a special touch to our raffle. But don't forget gifts which have appeal to the wives and kids. As I recall last year some of the most eyed and marveled at prizes were items such as a jade plant, Christmas wreath and table centerpiece. Keep this in mind when selecting raffle prizes for this year.

We will be having more details on the raffle and meal at our next club meeting in October. If you have any suggestions or comments on ways to improve our raffle, please let me know. Michael J. Kennedy

BOARD MEETING: Plans are already in progress for the Christmas buffet which will be December 9. Mike Kennedy is in charge of the raffle.

Final preparation for the October 11-18 shocking of the Red Cedar was put into gear and if the river goes down all systems are go.

Plans for the spring fly tying class were discussed. Plan to participate. More on this later. Mike Malone

HARRY'S HANDY HINTS: On a recent fishing trip, I (hopefully) relearned one of my earliest lessons. That is, a rising fish in late season can usually be taken on a good terrestrial pattern. On this particular trip the best ones were ants and beetles. The Letort or Crowe beetle was the pattern we used, but I was continually frustrated over their lack of durability. Some fall apart after only one fish and others fall apart (space reserved for ed's error: ed) just casting. Each night I'd tie three or four, and catch one or two fish on them the next day. One or two fish is better than none, but I was looking for a better way to go.

On the trip home I picked up the October issue of "Fly Fishing the West" and found what may be a good alternative to the deer hair construction of the Crowe Beetle: polypropylene. It will certainly be more durable.

The tying is as follows:

1. Tie a piece of black polypropylene yarn on the hook extending beyond the bend about an inch.
2. Dub a body of Fly Rite or similar material.
3. Take one or two truns of hackle about 1/4 of the way back from the hook eye.
4. Pull the yarn forward and tie it down at the eye. Trim the head in the manner of the Crowe Beetle.

Generally the Beetle is tied in sizes 12-16. Harry Barnes

CALENDAR

October 14, 1980 RCFE meeting

October 17-19, 1980 Southern Region Conclave, Mt. Home Arkansas

November 11, 1980 RCFE meeting

December 9, 1980 Christmas potluck dinner and raffle

June 26-28, 1981 Great Lakes Sub-Council Conclave, Grayling, Michigan



June Picnic

By: Mark Johnson

Just a reminder for now that our June Picnic is scheduled for June 13th at 6:00pm at Valhalla Park in Holt, MI. We will be at the South Pavilion. The club will provide burgers, brats, chips, pop and waters, and table service. We are asking members to bring a salad or dessert. The whole family is invited to attend. We will have some bucket raffles, silent auctions etc. So bring some cash or a check. More information in next month's newsletter. Put it on your calendar so you don't miss this always fun event.

Send Pictures

By: Mark Johnson

Remember to send me your pictures of your fishing outings from this summer. I will post them in the newsletter throughout the fall and winter. I know I always enjoy seeing everyone's pictures and am sure others do too.



Algebra for Flyfishing

By: Bob Kren

Algebra (You remember: If ... , what's the ...) for Flyfishing
By Bob Kren, RCFer, Mr Flyfisherpersonguy, and Math Major for One Smester

Here we go! All characters are drawn from real life, or something vaguely resembling real life.

1. Mike Gr, who puts the “fly” in “flyfishing,” is in a dilemma: fishing gets better the further north he goes, but he’ll have less time for fishing as he has to drive greater distances. If the number of trout/hour doubles every three hundred miles further north, and he drives at 50 m.p.h., and he has only twelve hours total for his trip, how long should he travel in order to get the maximum number of fish? **Answer:** Fly your plane at 200 m.p.h. for two hours, north. Rent a car, fish for seven hours, return the car, and fly back. Alternatively, drive all day, rent a room, call your wife and tell her your car has broken down and you won’t be home that day. Fish all the next day, stay the night, and drive home on day three.
 2. Mark N fishes locally, for smallmouth bass. If a smallmouth fights $\frac{2}{3}$ as hard as a same-size rainbow trout, and he can catch smallies twice as fast as ‘bows, how long will it take for his arm to tire out from catching smallies? (Mark works out, so he’s in shape.) **Answer:** Mark doesn’t have to fish, at all. Check the math, and don’t forget to divide by pi.
 3. Steve A has recently retired. In celebration of his retirement, his long-suffering wife has presented him with a gift certificate at Noma d’Angler: the amount is immaterial, but it will cover either a low-end outfit – rod, reel, and line – or a really good rod, in a weight he has no line to match. Which choice should Steve make? **Answer:** The expensive rod! He can either under- or over-line it, and put up with sloppy line control, or he can initiate a GoFundMe account and beg his way to satisfaction. Then again, mugging a drug dealer in downtown Lansing works, too, if the dealer is old and slow.
 4. Marty C is a struggling young professor in some arcane field of study. One of his struggles is the fact that there are too few female students enrolled in his classes. How can he use flyfishing to lure them down to the front row, for closer interaction? **Answer:** This may not seem like an algebra problem, but Marty needs help. His best bet is to cut off an old pair of waders to hotpants length, and wear flip-flops to class.
 5. Phil S and Peter Y, one back from two weeks in Patagonia, the other from a month in Mongolia, are trying to figure out who’s going to pick up the tab for coffees at Starbucks. Which one? **Answer:** It’s a tie, so they’ll split the bill. They may be richer than Elon Skum, so arguing over a check just ain’t worth their time.
 6. Dennis O’B has two rods, and wants to sell one of them. Which will it be? **Answer:** The answer lies in the question, namely, how much is each one worth to Dennis, himself. One of them he used to stake up tomato bushes, the other, to cast innumerable flies into one particular bush on the Red Cedar.
 7. Bonnie B would like to open a flyshop, in either Grayling or Corpus Christi. If a two-thousand square foot storefront in Grayling costs \$1457.67 a month, and an identical storefront in Corpus costs \$8,288.88 a month, which should she rent? **Answer:** The one in Corpus. Competition for customers is fierce in Grayling, and sales boom for only four months, the rest being too miserable for shopping. In Corpus, you have all the northerners who are buying stuff because they’re getting ready for the next season, and besides, Bonnie can buy a used pop-up trailer for a couple of grand and live on the beach for nearly nothing. Or commute in a mammoth motor home.
 8. Don S used to treat animals. Trout are animals. How many Dons does it take to vaccinate, and neuter, all the trout in the North Branch? (Extra credit for figuring out which “North Branch” that is, and finding the number of trout) **Answer:** It takes 476 Dons 17 days, with breaks for cocktails at nine, noon, and seven.
 9. Bob K has little luck, and less skill, at catching trout. How many smily-face emojis will it take to help him “get lucky?” **Answer:** It depends on the meaning of “get lucky.” And on the sex/gender/height/weight/ethnicity/religion/personal pronouns/political party of the emoji.
 10. Jim B is a devoted environmentalist, with a heavy emphasis on climate change. If Jim cuts off his leader and discards it into a river, how long will it take to wind up wrapped around a manatee in Sarasota? **Answer:** Ten seconds, because Jim is in Sarasota, discarding plastic bags and running the ac with the windows open.
 11. Ricardo A has every color and gauge of thread known to mankind, and every other material for tying flies that you can imagine. How many Royal Wulffs can he tie in eight hours? **Answer:** None. For all the tying materials, Ricardo has forgotten one ingredient – hooks! He orders everything on the interweb, because he’s in it for the bargains, so he’s still waiting.
- Barbie says “Math is hard.” What does Margot Robbie say about that? Bob K

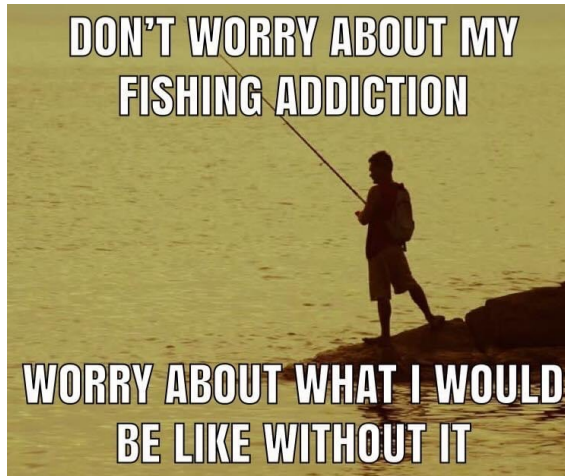
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Camp Grayling Expansion

By: Mark Johnson

State rejects National Guard plan to more than double Camp Grayling size
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Refrigerator Reminders

May

9th: RCFF Club Meeting at
Coral Gables in East Lansing
at 6:30pm.

June

13th: RCFF Club Picnic at Valhalla Park in
Holt. 6:00p.m. In the South Pavilion.