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Tippets, Tapers & Tales

June 6, 2023

President's Message

It's June and we wind down another year of club meetings with our annual picnic. See the details inside of the picnic which is always a good time. Just a reminder at the picnic we will hold our annual elections. We have an open board position as President and I would like to find someone that is willing to take over the newsletter for me also. So please consider volunteering for one of these. My plate is full with what I do currently for the club and the Great Lakes Council.

As I look back on this year, I would like to thank all the board members for what they do for me and the club and of course all of you members too that continue to come to meetings and support the club with your presence at meetings, your ideas and suggestions and of course your donations too.

I would like to have a couple weeknight local fishing nights this summer. I will put together some details for a time and place to meet on a local watershed and we can fish for a few hours. I will email out details on those when I have them.

This will be the last newsletter for the summer as we take a break to enjoy our Michigan weather. Look for your next newsletter in late August or early September.

See you at the picnic!

Mark

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1981 McKenzie Cup Winners

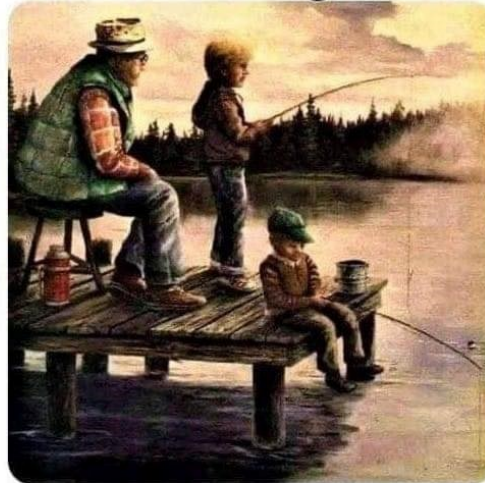
The Red Cedar Fly Fishers is a Charter Club of Fly Fishers International.

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

Spring Online Auction Results By: Mark Johnson

This years Spring Online Auction was a big success raising a total of \$2260.00. After site expenses we will net slightly less than this but this was our largest amount raised in the 3 years of doing these Spring Online Auctions. I want to be sure a send a big Thank You out to all members and other individuals who donated and/or bid on items this year to make this event a success. It could not have done what it did without all of your help. This money will be very helpful in financing our Terry Greiner Memorial Fisheries Grant for future years.

Fishing isn't always
about catching fish.



June Picnic

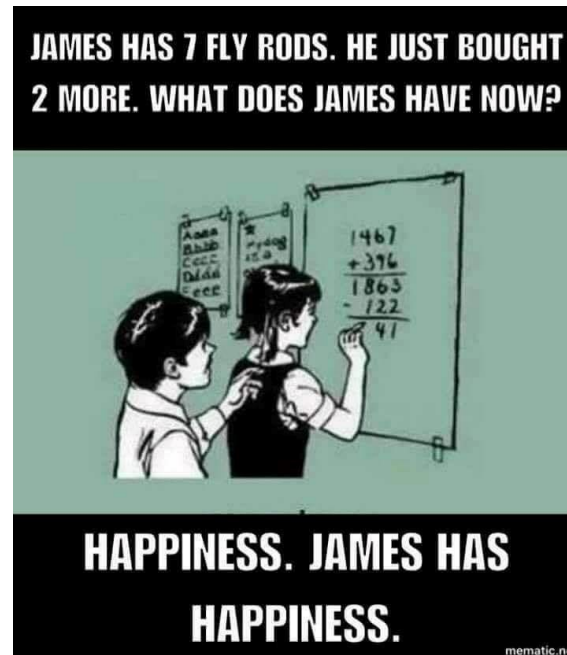
By: Mark Johnson

Our last meeting of the year is our club Picnic and 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 water, 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. We will have one of Terry Greiner's rods there as a silent auction item. It is a St. Croix Legend Ultra 9 foot 7 weight in 3 piece in a Redington rod tube. So bring some cash or a check. Put it on your calendar so you don't miss this always fun event.

Wa Wa Sum Weekend

By: Mark Johnson

Just a mention for now that the Frank "Bob" Perrin Lansing Chapter of Trout Unlimited is holding their chapter Wa Wa Sum weekend from June 29-July 2. This is their Chapter outing but have in the past when they have extra openings offered it to our members and I know many of you have gone before. They were going to let me know if they have openings a week or two before the event so if I hear of openings, I will emailed out to club members the information and contact person if you would like to go.



Youtube Video

By: Mark Johnson

Follow the link below for the video "Critical River Casts to Learn for Trout Fly Fishing Success"

Sent to me by Bob McKeon of Desert Fly Casters

<https://youtu.be/j6tEW5guZYE>

Another Early Newsletter

By: Mark Johnson

I thought I would include a scan again of another old RCFF Newsletter, this one from September of 1981. A couple noteworthy items in it, our club being named the winner of the 1981 McKenzie Cup and the President's message by our own Harry Barnes.



Tippets, Tapers & Tales

September, 1981
Ed: Daniel E. Cogan

NEXT MEETING: September 8, 1981 at 7:30 pm. Socialize and tie flies until the business meeting and program start at 8:00 pm. Ned Fogle, DNR Recreational Fisheries Specialist, will talk about the upcoming salmon and steelhead runs in the Grand River. Where are the access points and where is the river wadeable? Ned has been canoeing the river to check out gravel areas, etc. He can also probably answer questions or discuss the Grand as bass and walleye water.

RCFF DUES: Annual RCFF dues are payable at the Sept. meeting. A current FFF membership card is required. The board of directors as individuals are studying various ways to prevent the situation that occurred last year, i.e.: some RCFF members were not current FFF members. The board has not had a chance to compare notes and formulate a recommendation, but in the interim you are reminded that current FFF membership is a requirement for membership in the RCFF.

UPCOMING EVENTS: We will be an exhibitor this year during National Hunting and Fishing Days, Sept. 20th - Sept. 25th. Plan on spending a few hours at the Lansing mall that week, tying flies, building rods, etc. A sign-up sheet will be available at the meeting; an overall coordinator would be nice.

On Sept. 18, the DNR will conduct a public hearing in Cadillac to address the question of changing a portion of the Clam River to quality waters. Terrence W. Tatarchuk, M.D. from the Mackinac Trail Fly Fishers has requested our support in the form of letters and attendance at the meeting. Bring pencil and paper to the September meeting to take down details and addresses.

Be thinking about a fall salmon trip for maybe the weekend of October 3rd. (Date's negotiable.) It's always nice to have someone coordinate the driving and accommodations to make sure everyone can get there and have someplace to stay or tent.

M.U.C.C: We need someone to be our representative to MUCC. At this time we are not sure what the job will entail, but we will be able to provide more information at the September meeting.

=BULLETIN! BULLETIN! BULLETIN! =

We received word on Sunday, August 23 from the FFF Conclave in West Yellowstone that the Red Cedar Fly Fishers are this year's winner of "The McKenzie Plaque." This is an award given each year to the FFF club which has made the most outstanding contribution in behalf of the FFF.

Bill Ludlow was at the conclave and accepted the plaque for us. We will have more details at the September meeting.

MORE AWARDS: At this summer's Sub-Council Conclave two of our members were singled out for special recognition -

John Wylie was the recipient of the "President's Award," as the person who most helped the president fulfill the duties of his office.

As the person whose outstanding contributions did the most to further the goals of the Federation, Jim Schramm was recognized as the "Outstanding Federator."

Another Early Newsletter Continued



NEWSLETTER: I'm pleased that Dan Cogan has volunteered to edit our newsletter again this year. The job he has done is superb, but he needs help. For the October issue Dan will be out west (hopefully, Harry) and we need a guest editor. For the rest of the year we need contributors, with tips, tales or just plain editorial comment.

THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE: The September meeting of the Red Cedar Fly Fishers will be the beginning of our fifth year as an organized group. Our purpose in the beginning and still is today:

To promote fly fishing as the most enjoyable and sportsmanlike method of fishing, and the method most consistent with the preservation and conservation-wise use of our fishing waters and game fish;

To provide assistance, advice and suggestions to other angling groups to help them become more important and effective in their areas;

To publicize the best practices and techniques of fly fishing, fly tying, casting and other related subjects;

To be the voice for organized fly fishermen, maintaining liaison with other conservation and sportsmen's organizations, and with the governmental agencies involved in so many aspects of our sport.

To promote fly fishing as a method, and to publicize the best techniques are both self-generating activities. With some imagination and hard work we can promote and publicize. In the last four years we've sponsored or participated in more fly fishing demonstrations, shows, conclaves, classes, etc. than I could recount. Two things have merged quite clearly: 1) we can count on each other for a high level of support, and 2) when we commit ourselves to a project we do a damn good job. At this year's sub-council conclave in Grayling the RCFF were recognized with a "Special Award of Excellence." That award was for some of the work we've already done.

To provide assistance to other angling groups, and to be the voice for organized fly fishermen are not, for the most part, self-generating activities. In most cases someone has to ask us for our support or opinions. I see that happening more and more, and it indicates to me we've earned a level of recognition as a group that's involved and committed.

As I look over the agenda for the near future there is a lot to be done, but we have nearly forty members now. If we all contribute, we can easily maintain and enhance our reputation as an active, involved club. We can do that and still have time to go fishing, which by the way is one of the agenda items.

Harry Barnes, President

FROM THE EDITOR: Charles Emerson Winchester, III, where are you? I've proven that I'll print almost anything. You have titillated us with a story of opening day on the H.T.T.W. (Holier Than Thou Water) and have left us standing precariously on the bank, with no idea of what type of sacrifice is needed before wetting a line (perhaps we must cut the point off 6 size 20 Adams and set them afloat) or the etiquette necessary to enter the water and wade (perhaps one may not wade but rather must walk upon the water).

CALENDAR:

September 8, 1981 RCFF meeting

September 18, 1981 DNR hearing re: Clam River regulations

September 20-25, 1981 National Hunting and Fishing Days Expo-Lansing Mall

October ?, 1981 Salmon fishing trip

Flyfishing on Broadway

By: Bob Kren

Flyfishing on Broadway, The Great White Way, the Street of Broken Dreams, the . . .

By Bob Kren, RCFFer and Mr. Flyfishersonguy

My first trip to New York, -- the Big Apple, the big, smelly half-eaten apple -- included seeing Tom Bosley as Fiorello!, in that show known as "Tom Bosley." And Anna Maria Spaghetti in "Carnival," with Jerry Ohrbach. I was hooked. Since then, back in 1961, I've dragged my wife, and sometimes our kids, to musicals and dramas -- some good, some bad, but all live! -- in lots of venues. Here's some of my favorite plays and songs, with adaptations that most practitioners of the gentle sport (not! golf!, which, to me, is just "flog" spelled backward) may recognize. Feel free to hum along, but please, no singing!*

A Floating Weight Forward Chorus Line features high-kicking gypsies mimicking our most embarrassing moments on the water, as we flail and thrash and try not to fall down. Which we do, anyway. Orvis was a backer of this show, Orvis' first, and last, attempt at introducing its equipment to theatregoers. Leggy chorines in waders just didn't go over well.

O! Man River, sometimes pronounced "ribber." We're talking here about the far upper Mississippi, before it flows through too much city and farmland. But then again, don't we all have a favorite stream, that harbors our best memories? Somehow, "Old Man Manistee" just doesn't have the right sound to it, though.

Some Enchanted Evening, when the Hex are Hatching: . . . you will see us matching big bugs with dries or nymphs, and somehow you know, you know even now, that you got here a week too late. Or too early.

Summertime: . . . and the mosquitoes are biting, and the blackflies, and there's weird sounds in the woods. Be there early, and stay late. Just think of that icy dip as a refreshing break from sweating and swatting.

Come to the Cabaret, old friend, a pleasant break that lasts hours, at Keg 'O' Nails or somesuch estaminet that provides fortification against bugbites and blisters, by supplying burgers and brews.

Ya Got Trouble: . . . right here in River City, on the banks of the (fillintheblank) river. The kids are fascinated by the pools in the river, and drown worms to dredge up resident trout, but wait! Professor Hill will convert them to flyfishing, thereby saving the world from a generation of ne'er do wells. Or not.

Only here, on the stream where you live: The biggest trout you ever didn't catch is in this stretch, people stop and stare, that doesn't bother you, there's nowhere else you'd rather view, let the time go by, . . .

Hello, Dolly Varden, well hello Dolly Varden, it's so nice to meet you here where you belong. My first trip to Alaska, best Mexican food I've ever had, I can see all the way to Russia from here,

As you walk through the storm, keep your flyrod low, so you needn't be afraid of lightning. At the end of the storm is a golden light, and the sweet silky sip of a trout.

Let me get right to the point, I can tell you are a man of distinction, a real big spender. Good lookin', so refined, and I know what you've got on your mind. So let me get right to the point, a new ten-foot three-weight, floating line, Hardy reel, like one of these models right over here. We got a deal?

If I were a rich man, yadadadadadedadum, all day long I'd wade the best of waters, exclusively avoiding the commoners, if I were a wealthy man. Wouldn't have to work hard, the ghillie will do the heavy lifting, . . .

I got rhythm, I got backcast, I got doublehaul, who could ask for anything more? I got missed strikes, I got dinks and, I got planters, who could ask for anything more? I could. Natives, please?

I'll be there early in the morning, outfitted and lookin' in me prime, just get me to the hatch on time.

To cast the impossible cast, to fight the unfightable trout, to wade with unerring courage, to dream the impossible dream.

O! what a beautiful mornin', O! what a beautiful day -- I've got a wonderful feeling, the hatches are goin' my way. There's a bright golden haze on the water, no it's clouds of bugs swarming like they oughter, the breeze is so busy it don't miss a tree, and a little brook trout is just laughing at me..

Memories, all along in the moonlight, just broke off in the bushes, I was hurrying my cast, . . .

Luck be a Pink Lady tonight, luck be a Pink Lady tonight, Luck if you ever were a dry fly to begin with, Luck be a Pink Lady tonight. Or a Parachute Adams, or a Mini Chernobyl, or a Klinkhamer, or a . . .

And there you have it. Feel free to "rap" your own lyrics, but try not to cuss too much. Bob K

* Pretty much in order: A Chorus Line, Showboat, South Pacific, Porgy and Bess, Cabaret, The Music Man, My Fair Lady, Hello Dolly, solo, Sweet Charity, Fiddler on the Roof, Girl Crazy, Man of la Mancha, West Side Story, Evita, Oklahoma!, Cats, Pal Joey

That Tree...**By: Bob McKeon**

I wanted to post the following piece here. I really like it. This is a pen and ink by a friend of mine Bob McKeon. Bob is the Newsletter Editor for the Desert Fly Casters in Arizona.

Mark Johnson

That Tree...*pen and ink by R. McKeon***That tree...**

I know not how many times that tree has visited me in a dream.

That tree with classic running waters below / The perfect run, a trout persist in being.

Each season brought hope / A favorite fly / A tug to keep a memory alive.

Lost chances among my casts,

#16 Cream Soft Hackle- 1987 / #16 Cream Beadhead Nymph- 1992 / #14 Deer Hair Emerger- 2001

Frustration / Controlled anger / Never minded my back casts.

Others have passed by that tree / Air dried Woolly Buggers- Colorful Streamers and wind knotted leaders / Elk Hair Caddis- Parachute Adams- too numerous sway as tangled prisoners above in that tree.

Many years now have passed by me / Faded memories collected / Only a little moment in time...
and that damn tree.

Robert McKeon

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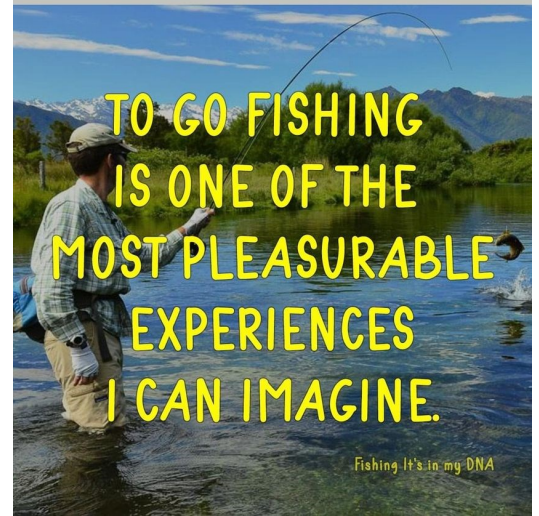
WATER THERMOMETER

TO FISH OR NOT TO FISH

| Temperature Range | Trout Behavior | Fishing Tips |
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| Over 68°F | Trout are feeling stressed and need a break! Mortality chances increase, even with proper catch-and-release. | Try finding an alternative location to fish or try again when it cools down. |
| 65°F - 68°F | Trout are slowing down and are feeling the heat! | Rope up with heavier tippet to land fish quicker. Keep them wet and skip the pictures to minimize their time out of the water. Be patient - they may need more time to revive before release. |
| Below 65°F | Trout are happy, hungry, and ready for a fight! | You can feel confident that the fish will be able to survive after proper catch-and-release. |

HEADS UP:
TOO HOT FOR TROUT

troutunlimited As summer starts to heat up all over the country here's your friendly reminder about when it's sa...



Refrigerator Reminders

June

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