

GLC Fly Fishing School & Conclave Faculty - 2008

John Breslin - John has been fly fishing for 50 years and spey casting for 25. He leads fly fishing trips to Donegal, Ireland, for Atlantic salmon, and fishes for steelhead, salmon and trout in the Midwest and Pacific Northwest. He is a FFF Master Casting Instructor and also on the National Casting Board of Governors for FFF. John is currently the Vice President for Education for FFF.

Rich Knoles - Rich started flyfishing seventeen years ago. His wife signed them up for a class at the Wellston Inn and Rich promptly bought a driftboat and quit his job. He was fascinated by the casting. After seeking out instruction through the FFF Conclaves, he became an FFF Certified Casting Instructor. Rich has taught a Flycasting and Flyfishing program at Monroe County Community College for the past seven years. He assisted Don and Sue Hull with the casting clinic at the GLC Fly Fishing School & Conclave prior to becoming the lead instructor in 2006. Rich is a Director on the GLC Board and the Casting Chair for the GLC.

Ted Myer - Ted is the current president of the West Michigan Hacklers, a FFF Charter Club in Pentwater, Michigan. Ted has been an avid fly tyer for many years and has recently developed an interest in braided leaders. Ted puts on seminars in the midwest on making braided leaders. Ted and his wife Kathy reside in Scottville, Michigan.

Kris Nichols - Kris is a native to southwest Michigan, Kalamazoo area, where she was raised on a dairy farm. She was employed with the Pfizer Corporation as a Lab Technician and retired after 34 years of service. Her hobbies include golfing and gardening. Currently, she is living in the Detroit area, Sterling Heights, where she spends a good deal of time tying flies. Kris has a home in the Grayling area, as well, where she calls the famous Au Sable river her home waters. Kris is a member of the Anglers of the Au Sable, Trout Unlimited and the National Rifle Association. She started fly fishing after joining Flygirls of Michigan in 2000. As she became further involved with Flygirls, Kris became an instructor for their annual events and school. Kris is presently an executive board member and Treasurer of the Flygirls of Michigan.

Dennis Potter - Dennis has been a fly tying fanatic since he spun his first "bug" over 30 years ago. Every one of the hundreds of dozens of flies he ties through Riverhouse Fly Company reflect his commitment to maintain quality, simplicity, proportion and above all, durability. He has taught and shared his skills as a fly tying instructor for over 25 years. He now specializes in group classes and seminars using studio-quality, macro video equipment. He stresses technique and durability over speed and numbers.

Dave Rapier - Dave started many years ago as a steelhead client of Hawkins Outfitters. Since then he has evolved into a great guide for Hawkins with a passion for trout and steelhead and an enthusiasm for flyfishing that is unmatched in Michigan. Dave has a pure joy about being on the water, teaching people new skills, and fooling our trophy fish. Dave and his wife Kathy live in Clarkston.

Jim Reed - Jim is an avid tyer who had tied at the GLC Fly Tying Expo and National

Conclaves for the past several years. He has been a tyer at the International Symposium in Somerset, New Jersey and also at the Midwest Fly Fishing Expo. Jim is one of the founding members of the FFF Charter Club, Wooley Bugger Fly Fishers, and is the GLC's representative on the Federation's Fly Tying Committee.

Bruce Richards - Bruce heads the fly line development at 3M/Scientific Anglers, Midland. He is a founding member of FFF's Casting Board of Governors and is responsible for the development of many of their casting programs. Bruce has been teaching casting for over 20 years and is known internationally for his abilities as an outstanding teacher. Bruce was chosen as Fly Rod & Reel's Angler of the Year for 2006.

Don Sawyer - Don is Professor Emeritus at Michigan State University having served on the faculty of the veterinary college for 28 years. He has been active in fly fishing for the past 24 years holding offices in the Red Cedar Fly Fishers, Great Lakes Council, and the FFF. He chaired this event in 2000 and is presently on the Board of Directors for the GLC and Anglers of the Au Sable and is President of the International Association of Fly Fishing Veterinarians.

Dorothy Schramm - Dorothy owns Rodsmith™, a custom rod building and angling related arts business. She is a FFF Certified Casting Instructor and a founder of Flygirls. Dorothy has been recognized with many awards including FFF's Women of the Year in 1998. Dorothy has been teaching casting and fly fishing for over 25 years. Dorothy also serves as a Director on the GLC Board.

Dick Walle - Dick has been fly fishing since the age of 5. His fly tying speciality is wet flies and he has tied at fly tying expos throughout the midwest including the GLC Fly Tying Expo and at FFF International Conclaves. Dick has been a director on the Board for the GLC for several years and belongs to many conservation organizations. He is a member and founder of Reeling and Healing, Inc. doing fly fishing retreats for breast cancer survivors, having done 21 retreats with three different organizations. He and his wife Judy reside in Toledo, Ohio and also have a cabin on the Holy Waters of the Au Sable River.

Matt Wilhelm - Matt is a Michigan native who has been the Education Specialist at the FFF Fly Fishing Discovery Center in Livingston, Montana for the past several years. Matt has gained a national reputation for his award-winning programs and partnerships with schools and their education programs.