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## *PRESIDENT'S COLUMN*

Jim Schramm

The GLC finished the year with a bang with our eleventh annual Fly Tying Expo and a celebration of the 30th anniversary of the GLC. The new location at the Holt High School was again a great success. If you get a chance, take the opportunity to thank those who made this event the success it is from the chairs to the tiers, vendor clubs and volunteers. The Expo would not be possible without their support. The 2011 Fly Tying Expo will take place on Saturday, December 3 and the Expo Committee is already hard at work preparing for this event. We plan to again hold the Expo at the Holt High School in Holt, Michigan. If you have a tier you would like to nominate please contact me. Tiers must be members of FFF.

I want to welcome Grand River Fly Tyers as a new member to the Century Club. Also Jim Bos, Michael & Janice Matuszewski, Bob Kren, Don & Judy Sawyer have renewed their memberships in the Century Club for 2011. I encourage other Century Club members to renew their membership. Many thanks for your support.

2011 will be another exciting year for the GLC. Plans are being completed for our Summer Fly Fishing School & Conclave at the MDNR RAM Center in Roscommon, June 17-19. Visit our website for complete details and registration material. This is a great event to attend even if you just come and federate. In the fall plan to attend the Fall Steelhead Outing. Don Sawyer is again chairing this event and details are in this issue and on the GLC website.

On Saturday afternoon, June 18, at the Fly Fishing School we will again hold our Annual Membership Meeting. We will be holding elections for directors at

this meeting for two year terms. We are always looking for directors and if you are interested in serving as a director of the GLC, please contact me or one of the directors on the Executive Board of the GLC which also serves as our nominating committee. Our Annual Board of Directors meeting takes place Sunday morning on June 19 at 8:30 am at the RAM Center. All members are invited to attend the meetings.

The Michigan Hydro Relicensing Coalition (MHRC) continues to be busy with hydro dam issues in Michigan. In 2011 we hope to remove both Brownbridge and Sabin Dams. I want to take this opportunity to thank Flygirls for their on going financial support of MHRC. Flygirls again gave a \$1,000 grant to the MHRC this year. I encourage all clubs to consider supporting the important work of the MHRC with a grant. Grants of any amount are welcome.

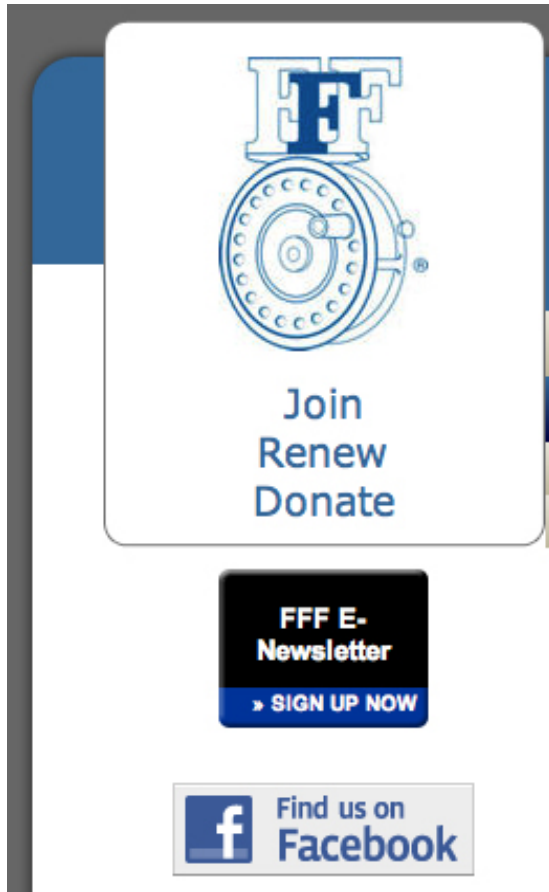
I also encourage you to attend the many events being hosted by our affiliate clubs. These are great opportunities to get information, federate and hone your fly fishing skills. This information is posted to our website (if provided by the club). If your club has not provided this information to the GLC and would like to do so, contact Colleen Jenkins, VP Communications.

We lost some good friends this year with the passing of Dick Walle and Glen Sheppard. Both will be sorely missed but their achievements will be remembered.

Jim

## Keep up on FFF News

# SIGN UP FOR FFF E-NEWSLETTER



The Federation of Fly Fishers E-News is a monthly e-mail newsletter with a monthly message from president Philip Greenlee, along with information about up-coming council events.

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## 2011 Midwest Fly Fishing Expo March 12<sup>th</sup> & 13<sup>th</sup> Presented by the Michigan Fly Fishing Club

The headliners for the 2011 edition of the Midwest Fly Fishing Expo are as traveling a fly angling fivesome as you might find under one roof when the Expo opens its doors on Saturday, March 12. They boast extensive travel to fly fishing destinations across the country and around the globe.

Expo 2011 features former Traverse City outfitter and guide Kelly Galloup, who now calls the Slide Inn near West Yellowstone, MT, his home; internationally renowned small fly specialist Ed Engle; master caster and angling photographer extraordinaire Brian O'Keefe; Simon Gawesworth, one of the world's leading authorities on the art of Spey casting; and Pennsylvania's Eric Stroup, who is making his Expo debut.



*Four of the 2011 Expo headliners are pictured here. Top row from left: Kelly Galloup and Ed Engle. Bottom from left: Brian O'Keefe and Simon Gawesworth.*

Presented annually by the Michigan Fly Fishing Club (MFFC), the Expo features a wide array of tackle dealers, rod builders, guides, fly tiers, artists, authors and conservation organizations, all specializing in one or more of the many facets of fly fishing. The Expo features dozens of free seminars about technique, fly tying, equipment and fly fishing destinations. Children, teens and the young at heart will get an opportunity to tie their first flies at a special fly tying area with instruction provided by MFFC volunteers. A 100-foot casting pond provides ample room for Expo attendees to test new fly rod offerings from an array of rod manufacturers.

“For more than 30 years the Michigan Fly Fishing Club has brought Michigan fly anglers some of the biggest names in the world of fly fishing. This year is no exception. We’ve got an awesome lineup,” said MFFC President Bruce Kramer. “Kelly Galloup is a legend in Michigan and Montana. Ed Engle brings incredible knowledge to our stage. Brian O’Keefe and Simon Gawesworth add international luster and Eric Stroup is someone who’s definitely making a name for himself.”

Expo hours are 9 a.m.-6 p.m. on Saturday, March 12, and 10 a.m.-4 p.m. on Sunday, March 13, at the Macomb Community College Sports and Exposition Center at 14500 E. 12 Mile Road in Warren, MI. Admission is \$10 for adults. Children and teens age 16 and under are admitted free. Two-day passes can be purchased for \$15. Parking is free. The club’s web site is [www.mffc.org](http://www.mffc.org).

The Expo is the MFFC’s only fund-raising event. The proceeds from the Expo help fund the club’s education and conservation activities. Since the Expo’s inception, the MFFC has directed more than \$400,000 to conservation efforts on such blue ribbon trout streams as the Au Sable, Manistee, Pere Marquette and Boardman as well as the Huron and Clinton rivers and Paint Creek in southeast Michigan.

The Michigan Fly Fishing Club is home to roughly 400 members and is based in Livonia, MI, although its members hail from across the state and several other states. It has been honored by former Gov. Jennifer M. Granholm, the international Federation of Fly Fishers (FFF) as its “Club of the Year” in 2006, and the Michigan United Conservation Clubs’ “Conservation Organization of the Year” in 2005.

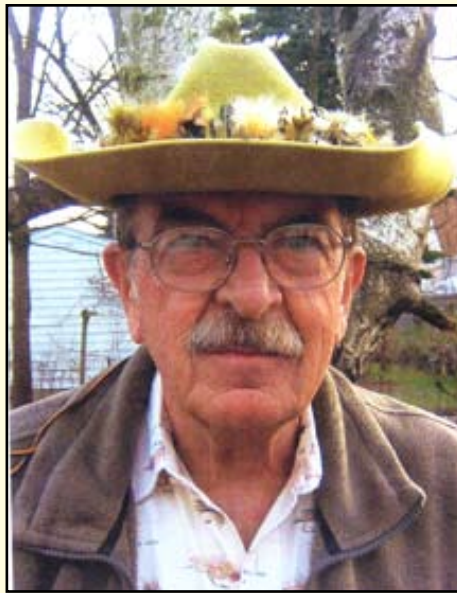
**For more information visit [www.mffc.org](http://www.mffc.org)**

## “THE HAT”

- *in memory of Dick Walle*

Inge and I had just joined the FFF and started to go to the various fly-fishing and fly-tying events. We did not know anybody. The first event was the Southfield Rod Show - now in Warren, Michigan. As we wandered around and soaked up all the new impressions I noticed a man, who wore a “Hat” that made him stand out. I had no clue who this individual was, but he must be quite popular and important as he was always surrounded by a crowd. I thought that “Hat” was really cool, almost a cowboy hat with a hatband full of flies. We saw this gentleman on other shows and events and finally at the GLC Conclave in Roscommon, Michigan, we actually met Dick Walle and his lovely wife Judy. As we got to know each other we found out, that the Walle’s were involved with teaching Breast Cancer survivors through organization: “Reeling and Healing”. Inge and I signed on as volunteers immediately.

On one of our “Breast Cancer Survivor” retreats I noticed a sign on the Walle’s car: “WE DO NOT BUY ANYTHING FRENCH”! Now that surprised us. We both love the French, their rich culture, their wonderful melodious language and their incredible food and wine. When we asked Dick, what the meaning of that sign was, he went into a long tirade about the no good ungrateful French who we had bailed out in two world wars. We do not like anything about them!” However he forgave us our admiration for the French:” Well, you are just Europeans!” Dick always wore his now famous hat. Later that year Inge and I returned from a very successful fishing trip in Labrador/Canada. We caught six species of game fish including Brook Trout all the way of 6 pounds +. We also had shared camp with two charming dry fly fishermen from France.



When I mentioned our experience of our wonderful trip to Dick and Judy, I just could not help myself and asked:”Dick, if you do not care for the French, why then do you wear a French fly fishing hat? We met these two French fly fishermen and they both wore a hat just like yours. They told us, that this is the most popular and common headgear among accomplished fly fishers in France. Dick missed a step; after regaining his composure he just muttered that no Frenchman should be allowed to wear a hat like his. Of course I had made the story up, but

I would not tell Dick - ever. He never found out about the truth, that I had pulled his leg. In September 2010 we saw Dick at the Au Sable river cleanup which Inge and I attend every year. It was the first time in 35 years that Dick was not able to participate in the cleanup of his beloved Au Sable river. He did not look well at all, walking with difficulty on a cane. He complained about pain in his lower back. Shortly thereafter we learned that Dick had cancer. I called our friend Dick, every few days, all the way to the end. He always sounded

cheerful, never complained and he would not let this dreaded illness get the better of him. Dick was a real fighter. Now Dick is gone.

I believe, that God tried to tie Soft Hackle Flies and then to fish them in some heavenly trout streams. God must not have been too good in either. Somebody up there must have suggested, that God should get himself a tutor and being God he should pick the best. God asked how he would recognize “The Best”. He was told, his name was Dick Walle and he would wear a very distinct western style “French hat” with lots of flies in the headband. So God summoned Dick Walle, the “Master Soft-Hackle Tyer” and an expert on how to fish them. God, you are in good hands now. Dick is truly “the best”.

*Tight lines and screaming reels to both of you.*

*Wolf*

# THANK YOU!

## Eleventh Annual Invitational Fly Tying Expo a Success

The 2010 GLC Fly Tying Expo's move to a new location in the Holt Public High School continued to bring raves from tyers, vendors and attendees. About 90 tyers from all over the US displayed their talents to the general public, educating them about flies for trout, salmon, steelhead, bass, pike, bluegill and saltwater species. More vendors and clubs were represented giving attendees a chance to become a part of the FFF and learn more about conservation. The Expo was a financial success and monies will be used to fund conservation and education efforts here in the GLC. A special thanks to Expo Chair Mark Johnson and his committee: Tyers - Karen Harrison, Vendors - Terry Greiner, Auction/raffle - Kevin Lounds, Auctioneer Glen Blackwood, Badges & T-shirts - Ann Miller, and Hospitality - Bonnie Barnes. Our youth volunteers Nate Spencer and Tony Anderson did an outstanding job.

Put Saturday December 3, 2011 on your calendar for next year's expo and bring a friend or make it a club outing.

This show would not be possible without the selfless generosity of time and talent of the following volunteers who stepped up to the plate to make it happen.

Jim Schramm	Dick Koch
Dorothy Schramm	Neil Gross
Terry Lyons	John Law
Gina Lyons	Todd Ezzell
Jim Buscetta	Mary Helen Znaver
Don Hull	John Znaver
John Mulvaney	Dustin New
Ed Gormley	Mark Noel
Dick Augustine	Nancy Lounds
Bob Ceru	Marty Crimp
Phil Stevens	Roger Fechner
Larry Constantineau	Bret Reiter
Tina Straw	Kathy Bennett
Ken Heacock	Charlie Bennett
Greg Bovee	Colleen Jenkins
Jim Robie	Wolf Schrey
Mike Matuszewski	Inge Schrey
Sue Matuszewski	

# Christopher Soule's Steelhead Hat Trick



Michigan Comet,  
blue

**Michigan Comet, Blue** - This has been a staple for more than 20 years and was one of the first patterns I designed for steelhead. Loosely based on the famous Comet fly of the Pacific Northwest, this is probably one of my top three favorite flies for steelhead. Also tied in chartreuse and hot pink. A simple yet elegant fly.

**Hook:** Heavy wire long nymph hook, size 4.

**Thread:** Heavy black thread such as 3/0.

**Tail:** Blue Krystal Flash.

**Body:** silver tinsel.



Icy Craig

**Icy Craig** - Based on an absolutely killer pattern from New Zealand. The original pattern calls for a wing of the breast feather from a swamp hen called a Pukeko. Well, try and find that in the US. So... I substituted with Ice Dub, Steelie Blue. One of my top three favorite patterns for Steelhead.

**Hook:** either long shank nymph hook or short streamer hook, size 4.

**Thread:** Black 6/0.

**Tail:** Red antron yarn.

**Body:** Black chenille over wrapped with pearl mylar and then silver wire. Each material wrapped in opposite direction of previous material.

**Wing:** Ice Dub, Steelie Blue. Twist and pull material apart. Lay two portions on top of each other. Repeat 4-5 times. This creates a taper in the material. Tie in at middle and fold over.



Glowing John

**Glowing John** - Inspired in part by the famous and effective Copper John. While a newer pattern, I believe it has great potential. And as I often do, have included a unique material, in this case, the head is a glow in the dark plastic bead. And yes it does glow. Also keep in mind that glow in the dark materials also are UV reflective which makes them great for Steelhead as they have the ability to see in the UV spectrum. I also tie these (changing color of legs, head and thorax) in chartreuse and salmon pink.

**Hook:** Heavy wire caddis style curved hook, in this case a size 4.

**Thread:** Black heavy thread like monocord or 3/0.

**Tails and legs:** Rubber legs, purple or blue.

**Abdomen:** Heavy copper wire.

**Thorax:** Black or peacock Cactus Chenille.

**Head:** 6mm glow in the dark plastic bead. Heat up hook for about 10 seconds with a lighter then slide bead onto hook. Heat melts the plastic slightly so it will slide over the bend of the hook. The bead is the first item applied to the hook. Watch your fingers for the heat and the point of the hook. I actually do wear a thimble on my index finger when applying the bead for protection.

**Hackle:** Blue Guinea Fowl, dyed.

**Eyes:** Large black bead chain.

# 2010 GLC AWARDS

## PRESENTED AT THE 2010 FLY TYING EXPO

### THE GLC ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

*SPONSORED BY TEMPLE FORK OUTFITTERS*

Presented to Karen Harrison for her outstanding contributions to the goals of the Federation of Fly Fishers - Conserving, Restoring, Educating Through Fly Fishing. Karen's contributions have truly been exceptional for many years and are underlined by her desire to do what is needed for the Federation, GLC, Flygirls and Anglers of the Au Sable. Karen is the ultimate volunteer and her efforts are highly deserving of recognition. The award includes a fly rod and reel provided by Temple Fork.



### GLC COUNCIL AWARD OF EXCELLENCE 2010

This is a National annual award presented to those individuals in each council who have made outstanding contributions to the Federation at the local or regional level. The GLC Council Award of Excellence is presented to Mark Johnson for his outstanding contributions to the goals of the Federation of Fly Fishers - Conserving, Restoring, Educating Through Fly Fishing. Mark's contributions have truly been exceptional for many years and are underlined by his desire to do what is needed for the Federation. Mark is a GLC Director and is the Chair of the GLC Fly Tying Expo. Mark has made major contributions to the financial success of our Fly Tying Expos by his outstanding organization and supervision of the events.



### GLC PRESIDENT'S AWARD

Awarded to Bob Kren for his untiring efforts on behalf of the Great Lakes Council and the Federation of Fly Fishers. During his tenure as Vice President for Communications, Bob put forth an extraordinary commitment of time and energy for a volunteer. Bob was instrumental in developing and implementing the GLC's move to an electronic newsletter. His support of the GLC reflects great dedication and is truly appreciated by members of the GLC.



photos from Mike Matuszewski

## FFF & GREAT LAKES COUNCIL AWARDS

Each year the Executive Board of the Great Lakes Council reviews nominations for council awards and national FFF awards. The GLC awards are The Order of the River Keeper, The GLC Achievement Award, Council Award of Excellence, Club Achievement Award, Council Conservation Award, Educator of the Year, and The Contributing Artisans Achievement Award.

The GLC awards descriptions and criteria are available on the GLC website at [www.fffglc.org](http://www.fffglc.org) and the basic criteria for FFF awards are available on the FFF website at [www.fedflyfishers.org](http://www.fedflyfishers.org). The deadline is March 20 for council awards and FFF awards nominations to be submitted to Jim Schramm. We need to send FFF awards nominations to national by April 1. If you need more information concerning a particular award, contact Jim Schramm at [jdschramm@oceana.net](mailto:jdschramm@oceana.net).

## THE BIGHORN RIVER ALLIANCE AND FEDERATION OF FLY FISHERS WILL BE AGAIN SPONSORING THE BIGHORN RIVER YOUTH ADVENTURE.

A great opportunity for young people to expand their knowledge of fly fishing is on the horizon. The Bighorn River Youth Adventure is currently taking applications for the 2011 program at Fort Smith, MT on the banks of the world famous Bighorn River. Twelve young fly fishers will be invited by the Bighorn River Alliance for a four day fly tying and fly fishing adventure. All meals, lodging, airport shuttles and guides will be provided free of charge. Air transportation to Billings or transportation directly to Fort Smith must be secured by the participant's parents, guardian, fly fishing club, or:

### NEW FOR 2011- TRAVEL ASSISTANCE GRANTS AVAILIABLE

Travel assistance grants are available on a limited basis and granted based on financial need. Thru the generosity of donors and supporters we are pleased to be able to help with transportation expenses for some of our attendees. We are sincerely encouraging applications from youngsters who would otherwise be unable to attend our program. We are also encouraging fly fishing clubs to participate in the travel grant program. Contact Frank Johnson for information. (Contact Information below) The dates for the Bighorn Youth Adventure will be June 23 through 26, 2011 with a travel day before and after. All clubs, councils and individuals are more than welcome to encourage applications from young fly fishers.

**APPLICANT REQUIREMENTS:** Any youth, male or female, ages 14 thru 18. All applicants must 'KIND OF' KNOW HOW TO FLY FISH AND 'KIND OF' KNOW HOW TO TIE FLIES. We are seeking youngsters who want to experience the joy of a 'big time' fly fishing adventure and are willing to return home to mentor other young people and encourage others to take part in the great activity of fly fishing. During their stay at Fort Smith, the Bighorn River Alliance will provide at NO COST all of the meals beginning with lunch June 22nd (travel day) thru breakfast June 27th (travel day). Lodging will be provided at NO COST by several of the local lodges (double occupancy) in and around Fort Smith. Guiding will be provided by Mature, licensed, professional guides who have logged thousands of days on the Bighorn. There will be a total of 24 guide days at NO COST to the kids. (Our 17 volunteer guides for 2010 had combined guiding experience of more than 330 years.) We take our hats off to the Fort Smith angling community for their generous donations!

Anyone who is interested in attending must fill out an application form. The form asks for general information including names and addresses of both parents and applicants, questions regarding angler experience, health and diet questions, and more. There are also three essay questions at the conclusion of the application. Twelve youths will be asked to attend. Application deadline is March 31, 2011 The following is a quote from Mr. Rick Williams, FFF Director, Executive Council Member and Conservation Committee Representative (Rick observed the entire 2010 program and spoke at our closing Banquet): "I can't say enough good things about the program you and the Bighorn River Alliance have put together for the youth anglers. What a world-class experience for the kids and what a first-rate operation you and the many other wonderful volunteers have created.

We met so many wonderful folks there that we feel like friends already.  
We will be back up for the fishing again."

For more information please refer to the Bighorn River Alliance web site [www.bighornriveralliance.org](http://www.bighornriveralliance.org)  
Click on NEWS then look for Youth Adventure information.

### TO GET AN APPLICATION CONTACT:

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**Ben Bonarski a member of the Grand River Fly Tyers on 2009 trip.**

**Read Ben's River Journal in the November 2009 Flyline, available at [www.fffglc.org/](http://www.fffglc.org/) in Hot Topics- Read the Latest GLC Flyline**



Richard V. Walle 1938 - 2010



## In Praise of the Wet Fly

Oh, thrilling the rise to the lure that is dry,  
When the shy fish comes up to his slaughter.  
Yet rather would I, Have the turn to my fly,  
With a cunning brown wink under water.  
The bright little wink under water!,  
Mysterious wink under water!  
Delightful to ply The subaqueous fly,  
And watch for the wink under water!

- George Edward MacKenzie Skues, 1904



# What Are Trout Really Thinking?

*Submitted by Daryl Crowley – West Michigan Hacklers Club*

Did you ever wonder what goes on in the mind of a trout? What in the heck are they thinking? Thinking? Of course the logical assumption is that they are cold-blooded creatures, incapable of any conscious thought, merely reacting to their environment or external stimuli. Cautious? Yes, of course, this seems obvious but surely they are not “self-aware,” or cognizant of their own mortality, let alone conscious of humans or their methods. They don’t “know” what eagles or anglers are; just that dangers exist that can reach into their watery realm, so they have learned to be shy of shadows or intrusions into their world. Trout cannot “think” as would you or I. Or can they?



Those of us that have been chasing these elusive creatures for more than a few decades have questioned on numerous occasions the “scientific logic” that would have us believe that trout are merely reactive automatons, little more than animated vegetables, acting on instinct and fear. The experienced angler is not so quick to demote the trout to the status of low-grade imbecile. A well-known FFF fly-tier was giving an excellent fly tying demonstration to our club and was trying to make a valid point about a trout’s perception of a fly. She remarked; “A trout’s brain is the size of a pea; how freakin’ smart can they be?” To which I responded; “Evidently....., pretty freakin’ smart.” There was a round of laughter....nervous laughter. It was a humorous response, not meant as challenge to her statement, but it seemed to ring an ominous bell in the minds of our well-seasoned club members. I could hear our collective minds reeling with the horrible realization that these not-so-freakin’-smart-fish have been making fools of us for a long time. What does that say for the angler? Maybe we’re not-so-freakin’-smart!

One of the hallmarks of an intelligent species is the ability to communicate and while I have never actually heard a trout conversing with his fish friends, it seems obvious that they must. This is evidenced by the fact that within moments of my arrival at the river, every fish in the stream knows I am there. The skeptics would say that I’m just clumsy and that I have signaled the fish of my arrival by being “un-stealthy.” While this may account for the sudden cessation of rises in my immediate vicinity, it does not account for how fish a quarter mile downstream also immediately cease their activity, unless trout are “passing the word” of my presence. I submit then that this is proof of communication and therefore sentience on the part of the trout. And the evidence doesn’t stop there.

Much ado is made about the importance of floating a dry fly without a trace of drag. The assumption being that trout will detect something unnatural in a fly that drags in the current. Nonsense! I believe trout are intimately familiar with what a line and leader are. They probably can even tell the brand of knotless leader just by looking at it. How can that be? I have no idea, but consider the places that trout station themselves for feeding. Do they take up a feeding position in a spot clear of over-hanging brush with no cross-currents? Never. They only seek places that deny the ability to present a fly. They look for current seams that will tie your leader in a knot. They hang out six inches below a little leader-grabbing-stick, which offers no current break or shelter, the only reasonable advantage of feeding there is that it’s an impossible spot to lay down a fly that’s attached to a leader. There can be little doubt of their intelligent use of resources. The devious bastards!

We have all watched these so called “dumb creatures” scrutinize a #22 fly as if it were some kind of binding legal contract with fine print. I can barely distinguish a #18 Hares Ear from a #20 Blue Winged Olive when I’m holding them side-by-side in good light, yet a trout can pick out either tiny ruse as it shoots through a choppy riffle at dusk, probably noting it was tied with a new shade of brown poly-dub mixed with platypus fur. I have no doubt it’s immediately recorded on some sort of Fish-Internet-YouTube as every trout will then come up and look at my fly, not with any intention of eating it of course, but just to have a first hand look at a fly that actually includes platypus fur. Without a doubt Fish-Talk-Radio is instantly abuzz: “Flash - New This Year - Platypus Fur - in other news; Orvis introduces a new line of hooks...” News travels fast in trout circles and they remember. Trout are insidious. We think ourselves adept at deception, but this is a delusion. When we enter the river, we are immediately out-of-our-league. Trout seem fully aware of our feeble attempts to deceive them.

Selective trout? The only thing they are “selecting” is the manner in which to frustrate us. Maybe today they will only rise in water too deep to wade, or on the far side of a log parallel with the bank. Perhaps they will refuse our fly, not once, not twice, but maybe dozens of times. Why would a trout, that can differentiate subtle differences in a #24 midge, continue to rise to the same #12 Royal Coachman over and over and over?

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Ok, maybe twice, or maybe even three times, but after the 15th time, even a moronic trout would know that this is the same fly he had just refused for the past dozen casts. But of course he knows it's the same fly and could probably tell you if it was tied by a right or left handed fly tier. He just continues to rise because he knows it's driving you crazy. He is calculating how long it will take before you break your rod in half and chuck it in the river.

Trout also have a sense of humor, warped humor for sure, but humor none-the-less, a characteristic found only in higher order species, like humans or chimpanzees, or trout. Trout find endless delight in only sipping flies that appear to be within an inch of our offerings. They know we are carefully following the progress of our fly, attuned and ready to strike at the slightest indication of a take, and then they come up and pretend to eat a fly right next to our fly. We haul back hard to set the hook, the fly touches nothing and we are promptly hung in the bushes behind us. That takes planning my friend - skilled, tactical planning. How many times have you observed fish "rising" steadily but you can't seem to see what they are taking? They're not taking anything; they just

know we are gullible! All those times a fish followed your streamer right up to you only to slowly drift back down into the depths without striking - you were snookered. They just do that to freak you out and there is no end to their pleasure in doing this. Do we amuse them? Are we clowns? Do they find us amusing?

You might be tempted to accuse me of being anthropomorphic in my assessment of trout intelligence, but I assure you I do not come to these conclusions hastily. Nor am I delusional. It's not paranoia when they really are out to get you. After more than 50 years of careful observation it seems undeniable that trout not only think, they communicate, they plan, they execute, and they are probably adept at theoretical calculus, and if they had opposable thumbs they would be extremely dangerous. Beware! They're out there; they're plotting and planning even as you read this. If you think I exaggerate, then the next time you do full pratfall in the river (and of course you will), before you rocket yourself upright gasping for breath, take just a moment while underwater to notice all the faint bubbly laughter.

## Development Report, 2010

Don Sawyer

The total cash contribution to the GLC Development Fund for 2010 was \$2550. Donations from members and clubs play an important role in helping fund conservation and education activities. There has been a special emphasis in youth programs within the GLC and financial support has been an essential component for this effort.

### GLC Benefactors:

Century Club Level:

- James R. Bos, N. Muskegon, MI
- Roger Fechner, Adrian, MI
- Belinda Friis, West Bloomfield, MI
- Terry Greiner, Holt, MI
- Bob Kren, Flushing, MI
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- Jim & Helen Truchen, East Jordan, MI
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### Century Club Plus Level

- Grainger INC, Lake Forest, IL. 3:1 Matching funds to Terry Greiner's contribution
- North Branch Boys Fly Fishing Club, Maumee, OH
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## SAVE THE DATE!

# GREAT LAKES COUNCIL FLY FISHING SCHOOL & CONCLAVE

## JUNE 17-19, 2011

R.A. MacMullen Conference Center,  
Roscommon, Michigan



Don't miss attending the GLCs Fly Fishing School & Conclave held at the R.A. MacMullen Conference Center on North Higgins Lake. For aspiring fly anglers or those who have already discovered the joys of the sport, this event is not to be missed. Learn and sharpen your fly fishing and fly tying skills during the day and then spend your evenings casting to hungry trout sipping Mayflies on the pristine waters of the Au Sable and Manistee Rivers.

Educational programs, classes and workshops will be offered Friday afternoon and all day Saturday. The simultaneous schedule will contain programs for the beginner, intermediate and advanced angler. There will be a on-stream school for beginners, a on-stream workshop on streamer fishing and fly tying workshops on Friday afternoon, Saturday morning and Saturday afternoon. Oscar Feilu will be tying on Friday afternoon, Dennis Potter, Saturday morning and Derek LeRoy on Saturday afternoon.

Certification as a FFF Casting Instructor will also be available. Other classes will include casting, entomology, and more.

Plan now to attend. Lodging and meals are available on-site or camp next door at the North Higgins Lake State Park. Details and registration materials are on the GLC Website at [www.ffglc.org](http://www.ffglc.org) or call Jim Schramm at 231 869-5487 or 231-740-7278.



## January 2011 Conservation Report *Terry Lyons, VP Conservation*

### **Mason Tract:**

The US Forest Service has been preparing an EIS for nearly a year. It should be made public very soon

### **Oil and Gas Committee:**

The Oil and Gas Committee continues to meet periodically. There is lots of activity regarding mineral extraction and the Committee is trying to stay on top of what may become a serious environmental situation. The primary concern of the committee for now is the use of "fracking". This procedure involves injecting huge amounts of water mixed with sand and several proprietary chemicals into the ground to fracture the rock formations around the well. This allows the drillers to extract the maximum amount of oil or gas from the field. The process has been used for some time in Michigan and around the country but most organizations are concerned about the impacts on the environment.

### **Cold Water Regulations**

In December DNRE Director Humphries signed Fisheries Order 200 implementing a new set of inland Cold Water Fishing Regulations. Letters and e-mails from our membership were critical to the passage of these new regulations. Without their help it is likely that many of the gains that were made would not have happened. A complete listing of the new regulation package is available on the DNRE website, the GLC website or the Anglers website. The cold water Steering committee will continue to meet and discuss issues of importance to the management of our cold water fisheries.

### **DNR/DEQ Unification.**

Two years ago Governor Granholm issued an Order creating a new agency, the Department of Natural Resources and Environment. This new agency has been in place for a little more than a year. After the election last fall incoming Governor Rick Snyder announced that he would be separating the two agencies again. This will take place shortly. We hope this is not an indication of the direction this new administration will be taking regarding conservation issues.

### **Kolke Creek**

In December The Michigan Supreme Court issued a decision finding in favor of the Anglers of The AuSable and their partners. There is little to celebrate about. Merit energy filed an appeal of the decision. Incoming Attorney General Schute has also stepped in with an appeal. Angler's attorneys are not optimistic of our chances of this decision being upheld considering the makeup of the new court.

### **West Michigan Hacklers Grant Request**

The West Michigan Hacklers have requested \$250 for the purchase of night vision goggles for the Oceana County Conservation Officer. The Hacklers will be providing \$250 for this purchase and are asking the Council to provide the remaining half.


### **FFF Conservation Grants**

The FFF Conservation Committee has restructured the grant process. Each council will be allocated \$1500 for Conservation Small Grants. Applications must be submitted by April 1st so they can be processed. Applicants will be notified of the committees decisions by April 15. If a Council does not use it's allocated funds they will be made available to other Councils to use. If your club has a project in mind please forward it to me as soon as possible so we can submit them by the deadline.

Terry Lyons, VP Conservation  
Feb. 21, 2011



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# 2011 GLC FALL STEELHEAD OUTING

## Barothy Lodge • Walhalla, MI

### October 21-23, 2011

**Barothy Lodge** is located just off US 10 between Ludington and Baldwin and has a very interesting history. We had been there for Spring and Fall Outings a number of years ago and when I contacted the manager, I found them very receptive to have us back. It is named after Dr. Barothy who was born and trained in Hungary and, as an adult, lived and practiced medicine in Chicago. In 1889, he purchased 65 acres of land on the Pere Marquette River approximately 25 miles east of the Lake Michigan shoreline. Dr. Barothy had a farmhouse and stable built on his land which had previously been the site of a well known logging camp.

Walhalla did not have a formal name back then, but was called Manistee Junction in order to designate a post office. Local residents referred to the area as Merritt. While a farm building was under construction, mineral springs were found on the South bank of the river. This gave Dr. Barothy the idea to develop a health spa, since spas were very popular at the time. The doctor soon proposed the Native American word of Walhalla, which means “Haven of Rest”. Over the years, many of his patients came to the lodge and he eventually turned the operation to his two sons Fred and Vic. As time passed, the focus of the lodge changed from a health retreat to recreation—fishing on the Pere Marquette River being the main attraction. The PM is home to browns and rainbows plus runs of Lake Michigan Steelhead and Chinook Salmon. Lake-run Brown Trout also follow the Steelhead and Salmon up river.

In 1915, Dr. Barothy had his farmhouse remodeled into the building now known as Main Lodge. It was completed with a large sitting area, large fire place, six bedrooms, a dining area and kitchen. It was recently remodeled again to include a commercial kitchen, attached conference meeting room where our meals will be served, the same large fireplace and sleeping rooms. The grounds of Barothy Lodge have expanded from its original 65 acres and 3 buildings to over 300 acres and 15 buildings today. The units range from one to nine bedrooms, most with pool tables and Jacuzzis. In addition to having the Main Lodge, we also have Whitetail and Eagle Nest. On the grounds, there are seven stocked fishing ponds, Sika Deer, many rare birds, turkey, ornamental pheasants, and waterfowl including swans and ornamental ducks. Gotta keep your hands off those feathers! The Pere Marquette River flows through the Barothy property and



is a great place to fish. You can wade the river within easy walking distance from the lodge, [www.barothylodge.com/canoe-rental-pere-marquette.htm](http://www.barothylodge.com/canoe-rental-pere-marquette.htm)” rent a canoe, kayak or raft or hire a guide. If you are not familiar with the area, we will provide a host to assist in all aspects of this event. Registration includes 2 nights lodging, 6 meals, refreshments and fishing updates. Check-in is Friday after 3:00 PM in the Main Lodge with refreshments, relaxing, fly tying and dinner. Activities will resume Saturday morning, takeout lunch for the river or at the lodge, refreshments and auction raffle, dinner and the evening to relax. Sunday breakfast and lunch for the river or travel will be available. Meals will be provided by PM Catering.

All attendees are requested to bring items with a minimum value of \$15 for the auction / raffle Saturday evening. Because of the active participation of attendees, the raffle has been an outstanding success with great items and there will be at least one graphite fly rod in the raffle. This is also a fund raising event and proceeds will assist in supporting GLC conservation and education programs.

Reservations will be made on a first come, first served basis. We need a minimum of 32 registered for these 3 lodges. Lodge and room choices are provided on the registration form. We have 35 beds reserved for our group and a go – no go decision must be reached by June 24th. If we do not have the minimum to make a non-refundable deposit by that date, this event will have to be cancelled. To hold a slot, a dibs deposit of \$75 is due with the reservation or you can make the full payment. Final payment is due by June 20th. Cancellation after this date is not refundable unless the reservation is filled by someone else. For further information, please contact Don Sawyer, [dsesi@aol.com](mailto:dsesi@aol.com). Until April 18: 520/572-6790 (AZ); After May 1, 517/349-0454 (MI)

# REGISTRATION FORM

## GLC FFF FALL STEELHEAD OUTING

Barothy Lodge, Walhalla, MI

October 21 - 23, 2011

**\$225**

**\$75 Dibs deposit due with registration**

Lodging Preference based on availability

Lodge \_\_\_\_\_ Twin \_\_\_\_\_ Queen \_\_\_\_\_ King \_\_\_\_\_

**Main Lodge (14 beds):** 6 rooms: 5 with full beds, 1 with a queen; Loft, 8 twin beds.  
Bathrooms are located on the main and second floor.

**Whitetail (15 beds):** 4 rooms each with queen beds; 5 rooms, 2 with 2 twin beds, one with 3 twins. Two bathrooms are located each on the upper level and lower level.

**Eagle Nest (6 beds):** 2 rooms each with 1 King Bed; 2 rooms each with 2 twin beds. One bathroom on each of 3 floors.

*Make check payable to GLC FFF and mail with this form to:*

*Don Sawyer, GLC Fall Outing, 2031 Tomahawk Rd, Okemos, MI 48864*

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## FFF MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

**Yes!** I'd like to preserve fly fishing, expand fly fishing opportunities, learn more about the sport and help conserve fly fishing's natural resources. Sign me up today and I'll receive FFF's Fly Fisher magazine and the GLC's newsletter, GLC FLYLINE.

Complete the application and mail it to the address below. **DO IT TODAY!**

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Individual - Ages 15-64.....\$35.00           | <input type="checkbox"/> Life Member ..... \$500.00       |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Family / Spouse & Kids (Under 18) ....\$45.00 | <input type="checkbox"/> Couple Life..... \$750.00        |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> 3 Year Individual.....\$85.00                 | (Commercial / Manufacturing Business                      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 3 Year Family..... \$100.00                   | <b>New Member? __ Yes __ No</b>                           |

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**Make Checks Payable To:** FEDERATION OF FLY FISHERS

**Mail To:** James Schramm P.O. Box 828, Pentwater, MI 49449 **Attn.:** FFF Membership

After August 1, 2010, please visit the FFF website to verify current membership rates.

## GREAT LAKES COUNCIL DEVELOPMENT

Every gift regardless of amount is greatly appreciated and will be used to support projects and events within the Great Lakes Council. This is not limited to the three categories listed on the Donation Form but rather is a place to start for conserving, restoring and educating within the sport of fly fishing. To qualify for a tax deduction, contributions must be made by December 31st of that year and will give the Council a push for the year ahead.

Contributions at the Lake Michigan level may be designated for specific projects supported or promoted by the GLC. Fund Categories are listed as follows and specific descriptions of each can be found on the GLC web site [www.fffglc.org](http://www.fffglc.org):

<b>FUND CATEGORIES:</b>	Conservation Fly Fishing School and Conclave Membership	Flyline Michigan Hydro Relicensing Coalition Fly Tying Expo	Legal Scholarship Unrestricted Web site
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Benefactors at the Century Club and Lake Michigan levels are entitled to free admission and/or registration at all GLC events (currently the Fly Tying Expo and Fly Fishing School and Conclave). Members will also receive a 10% discount on GLC merchandise which includes pins, T-shirts, shirts and anniversary prints. Those giving for the first time will receive the GLC 25th Anniversary Print by artist David Ruimveld.

### DONATION FORM

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Please select the amount of your gift next to the category of your choice.

**Return this form to:**

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2031 Tomahawk Rd., Okemos, MI 48864



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