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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



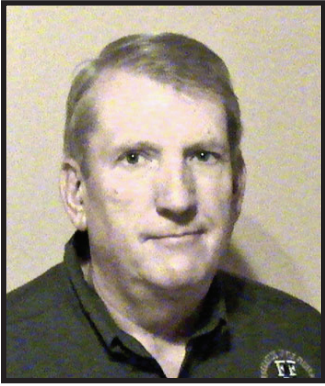
Don't miss attending the GLCs Fly Fishing School & Conclave held at the R.A. MacMullen Conference Center on North Higgins Lake. For aspiring fly anglers or those who have already discovered the joys of the sport, this event is not to be missed. Learn and sharpen your fly fishing and fly tying skills 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 Feliu 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.fffglc.org](http://www.fffglc.org) or call Jim Schramm at 231 869-5487 or 231-740-7278.





## ***PRESIDENT'S COLUMN***

**Jim Schramm**

This issue contains the information for our GLC Fly Fishing School & Conclave held at the Ralph MacMullen Center on North Higgins Lake. This is a great event for the entire family and I urge everyone to consider attending. This event has something for everyone. I encourage you to make copies of the registration material and sweepstakes tickets and share with other fly fishers or have them visit our website at [www.fffglc.org](http://www.fffglc.org) where all of the material is available for downloading. The School is a great way to introduce fly fishers to the Federation. Please let everyone know that they are welcome to come federate, fish, etc. and this event is more than just a school.

On Saturday afternoon at the Fly Fishing School we will have our Annual General Membership Meeting. We will be holding elections for directors at this meeting for two year terms. The Annual Board of Directors Meeting will be held Sunday morning. We encourage you to attend these meetings and see how your board works for you. We continue to look for directors and officers so if you are interested, please contact me. We also are still looking for someone to fill the Secretary position.

I want to remind everyone to consider joining or renewing your membership in the Century Club for 2011. Dorothy and I renewed our membership in February. With our renewal total membership for 2011 stands at seven which is far below past year totals. A special thanks to those who joined or renewed for 2011.

Please consider attending the 2011 GLC Fall Steelhead Outing scheduled for October 21-23 at Barothy Lodge in Walhalla, Michigan. Barothy Lodge is the site where we held our Fall Steelhead Outings several years ago. The facility is great and you can walk right from your lodge and fish for steelhead on the Pere Marquette River. We have a June 24 deadline to meet our minimum for the event to be a go. Please dont delay and register now.

Hope to see you in June at the GLC Fly Fishing School & Conclave.

## **Keep up on FFF News**

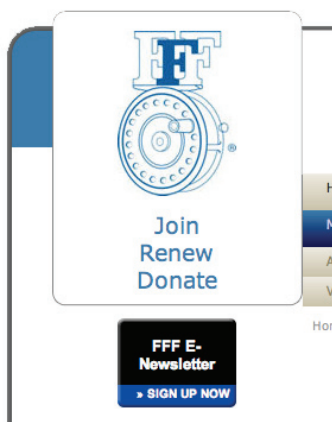
### **SIGN UP FOR FFF E-NEWSLETTER**

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.

Quick links to FFF Fly of the month patterns & fly Tying Video of the moth provided by The weekly Fly.

Sign up on the FFF home page under the fff logo there is a quick link (shown on left)

The FFF also has a facebook page.



## Author takes MFFC members on a tour of Michigan's Golden Age of fly fishing.

Just in time for Michigan's traditional last-Saturday in April opening day of Trout season, Wayne Snyder offered Michigan Fly Fishing members a whirlwind glimpse of the history of fly fishing in the Great Lakes State.

Fly Fishing Team Leader at Bass Pro's White River Fly Shop, Snyder isn't an academic historian, but he is the author of "The Golden Age: Fly Fishing in Michigan 1869-1960. While the so-called Golden Age offers many a great story and churns up many a fond memory, Snyder's work reminds fly anglers, especially those who interested in the history of the sport, that "the Golden Age was truly fraught with laborious, even tragic events."

He was motivated to compile the book, he said, because "to not document and celebrate this unique history is to lose it forever."

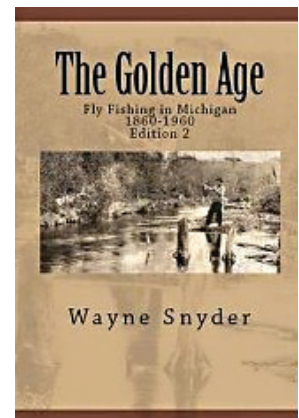
He spoke of Michigan's first era the prosperity, the time of mineral extraction and the harvesting of Michigan's great White Pine forests. People often don't know, he said that "the total value of the lumber harvested during the (White Pine) era, exceeded the value of all the gold sifted out of California during the gold rush." While it brought great wealth to the lumber barons and the state, its legacy was a network of northern rivers scoured clean by shore-to-shore log runs, great swaths of land clear cut, and the demise of the Michigan grayling.

Calling the Michigan grayling, our state's version of the passenger pigeon, whose vast numbers dwindled to extinction, he said the fish finally succumbed to rising water temperatures and a change in river chemistry that didn't support that fish's propagation. The rising water temperature and change river chemistry, he asserted, was a direct result of logging.

From there, Snyder wound through a series of snapshots of Michigan Golden Age, focusing on conservationists like George Mason who bequeathed the state the Mason Tract encompassing much of the South Branch of the Au Sable, the Michigan fly tiers who broke away from the classic Catskill-style. up-wing dry fly and classic wet fly designs, vintage Michigan fly patterns, Michigan-based tackle makers, the writers and artists inspired by their fly fishing experiences in Michigan, and the clubs and lodges that sprang up along the state's blue-ribbon trout streams.

"It's easy to forget when you are standing knee deep in a stream like the Au Sable or Pere Marquette, reeling in a fine fish, what it took to get to this point," he said, quoting from the book.

The book is available via Amazon as a paperback and for e-readers. It is also available in CD format.



**The Lovells Township Historical Society's Museum of Trout Fishing History presents its ninth consecutive exhibit on the Au Sable River Watershed which focuses on "The Au Sable School of Fly Tying," and which features famous tiers, past and present.**

The museum is located on the Lovells Township Grounds, 8405 Twin Bridge Road, Lovells and is open Wednesdays and Saturdays from 10 am to 4 pm, May through September. For information call 989-348-4880.

Roger Fechner, President  
Lovells Township Historical Society



## GREAT LAKES COUNCIL FLY FISHING SCHOOL & CONCLAVE

**Ralph A. MacMullen Conference Center Roscommon, Michigan  
June 17-19, 2011**

### Friday, June 17

|                |                                    |                 |
|----------------|------------------------------------|-----------------|
| 12:00 p.m.     | Lunch                              | Dining Room     |
| 12:00 p.m.     | Registration                       | Upper Education |
| 1:00-4:20 p.m. | Fly Tiers/Raffle & Auction Display | Lower Education |
| 4:00-5:30 p.m. | Hospitality                        | Upper Education |
| 5:30 p.m.      | Dinner                             | Dining Room     |

### CLASSES/WORKSHOPS\*

|                 |   |                         |  |
|-----------------|---|-------------------------|--|
| 12:30-4:30 p.m. | Beginning Fly Fishing School**<br>(Pre-registration required)   | Rich Knoles & Flygirls  | Main Building Lounge                         |
| 1:00-4:00 p.m.  | Fly Tying Workshop*<br>Life Cycle of the Hexagenia (Requires basic fly tying skills) (Pre-register to tie)<br>(Materials provided, bring your fly tying equipment or just come and watch) | Oscar Feliu             | Upper Education                              |
| 1:00-3:50 p.m.  | On-stream Workshop, Streamer Fishing Tactics**<br>(Pre-registration required) (Requires fishing license, wader, flyrod & reel, and sunglasses)  | Brian Pitser            | Meet outside Dining Room                     |
| 1:00-3:50 p.m.  | Fly Casting Instructors Workshop<br>(For advanced casters) (Pre-registration Required)**  | John VanDalen           | Lake Superior                                |
| 2:00-2:50 p.m.  | Intermediate Knots and Rigging  | Rich Knoles             | Lower Education                              |
| 2:00-3:00 p.m.  | Entomology*   | Dorothy Schramm         | Main Building Lounge                         |
| 2:00-4:30 p.m.  | Introduction to Fly Casting*<br>(Rods provided or bring your own)   | Terry Tatarchuk & Staff | North field across from<br>Conference Center |
| 4:10-4:30 p.m.  | The HatchLine (Report on current Fishing)   | Upper Education         |  |
| 5:30 p.m.       | Dinner  |                         |  |
| 7:30-9:00 p.m.  | A Wee Dram with Don on the River Don  | Don Sawyer              | Upper Education                              |

### SATURDAY, JUNE 18

|                |  |                            |
|----------------|--|----------------------------|
| 7:15 a.m.      | Breakfast  | Dining Room                |
| 8:00 a.m.      | Registration   | Upper Education            |
| 8:30-4:00 p.m. | Fly Tyers/Raffle & Auction Display                           | Lower Education            |
| 8:30-4:00 p.m. | FFF Casting Certification<br>(Advance Registration Required) | Lake Superior              |
| Noon           | Lunch Beach (weather permitting)                             |                            |
| 3:30-6:00 p.m. | GLC Hospitality  | Upper Education            |
| 4:15-6:00 p.m. | Awards, Auction & Sweepstakes                                | Upper Education            |
| 6:00-          | Steak Cook-Out   | Beach (weather permitting) |

**CLASSES/WORKSHOPS\***

- 7:45 a.m.-3 p.m. Beginning Fly Fishing School\*\***      **Rich Knoles & Flygirls**      **Meet outside Dining Room**  
(Pre-registration Required) (Requires fishing license, waders, fly rod & reel, and sunglasses)
- 8:00-11:50 a.m. Fly Tying Workshop\*\***      **Dennis Potter**      **Upper Education**  
Patterns and Techniques featuring the Magma Ant in Crimson, the Fry Bugger (baby brown trout), and the Opal Trude if time allows. Requires basic fly tying skills; Pre-register to tie; All materials provided free. (Bring your fly tying equipment or just come and watch at any time)
- 8:00 -10:50 p.m. Fly Fishing for Smallmouth Bass**      **John Johnson**      **Main Building Lounge**  
Workshop will cover equipment, flies and methods to fly fish for smallmouth bass, with the emphasis on catching large river Bass
- 10:00-11:50 a.m. Fly Casting Clinic\***      **Terry Tatarchuk & Staff**      **North Field across from Conference Center**  
(Active Participation) (Rods provided or bring your own)
- 11:00-11:50 a.m. Photography for the Fly Fisherman**      **John Johnson**      **Main Building Lounge**
- 11:00-11:50 a.m. Advanced Fly Casting**      **John VanDalen**      **Lawn by Straits Bldg.**  
(Active Participation) (Rods provided or bring your own)
- Noon**      **Lunch**      **Beach** (Weather Permitting)
- 1:00-3:50 p.m. Fly Tying Workshop\***      **Derek LeRoy**      **Upper Education**  
Patterns and Techniques for Tying Bass, Pike and Bluegill Flies including Deer Hair Bass Bugs. Requires basic fly tying skills; Pre-register to tie; All materials provided free (Bring your own fly tying equipment or just come and watch at any time)
- 1:00-3:50 p.m. Intro. to Speycasting Workshop\*\***      **Peter Humphreys & Bob Braendle**      **North field across from Conference Center**  
(Pre-registration Required)(Rods provided)
- 1:00-2:50 p.m. Intermediate Fly Casting Clinic\***      **Arnell Hodges & Staff**      **North Field across from Conference Center**  
(Rods provided or bring your own)

**SATURDAY PRESENTATION**

- 4:00-4:15 p.m. Kelley Smith, Chief of Fisheries, MDNR**      **Upper Education**
- 4:15-6:00 p.m. Awards, Auction & Sweepstakes Winners**      **Upper Education**  
**GLC Annual Membership Meeting**

**SUNDAY, JUNE 19**

- 7:15 a.m. Breakfast**      **Dining Room**
- 8:30 a.m. GLC Annual Board of Directors Meeting**      **Upper Education**

\*Under 10 years old must be accompanied by an adult      \*\* Pre-registration Required

## PROGRAMS AND WORKSHOPS

### ■ **Beginning Fly Fishing School to include on-stream instruction.**

The instructor is Rich Knoles assisted by members of Flygirls of Michigan. You will learn about equipment and gear, knots, casting, entomology, fly selection, reading the water, on-stream tactics, and fly fishing etiquette. Saturday will be spent on the river with the instructors. Box lunch is provided. Students will need, all species fishing license, waders, rod, reel and line, nail nippers, and sunglasses. The beginning school starts at 12:30 pm Friday afternoon with classroom instruction and Saturday's instruction will be on the South Branch of the Au Sable River. Some loaner rod and reel set ups are available. Call Rich Knoles at 734-625-0882 or email rknoles@gmail.com to reserve a rod and reel setup.

### ■ **Fly Tying Workshops will be offered Friday afternoon, Saturday morning and Saturday afternoon.**

These workshops are for tyers with at least some experience in tying. The instructors will be **Oscar Feliu, Dennis Potter, and Derek LeRoy**. On Friday afternoon a workshop with Oscar Feliu is being offered starting at 1 p.m. The theme for Oscars workshop is tying Life Cycle of the Hexagenia. You will be tying Hexagenia patterns for each portion of the Hexagenia life cycle. Dennis workshop is Saturday morning and he is doing a Patterns and Techniques Class featuring the new Magma Ant in Crimson, the Fry Bugger (baby brown trout) and if time allows, the Opal Trude. Saturday afternoon's workshop features Derek LeRoy tying bass, pike and bluegill flies with deer hair bass bugs a favorite. Materials and hooks will be provided. Tiers need to have white or olive 6/0 thread, 8/0 black, brown and red thread, and a hair stacker. While there is no charge for tying at the workshops we do ask you to pre-register so we know how many tyers to have hooks and materials for (bring your own equipment). You are also welcome to just come and watch.

■ **Introduction to Fly Casting Class** will be conducted by Terry Tatarchuk and Staff on Friday afternoon. On Saturday Morning you can continue to work on your casting at the Fly Casting Clinic with Terry & Staff. On Saturday afternoon, John Johnson & Staff will do a Intermediate Fly Casting Clinic. Rods are provided or bring your own.

■ **On-stream Workshop** will be conducted on Friday afternoon by Brian Pitser. This highly popular on-stream workshop will focus this year on streamer fishing tactics. You will need fishing license, waders, flyrod & reel, and sunglasses.

■ **Introduction Speycasting Workshop** will be conducted by Peter Humphreys and Bob Braendle on Saturday afternoon. Peter and Bob will introduce you to Two Handed Casting on site. Rods will be provided or bring your own.

■ **Fly Fishing for Smallmouth Bass** will be a three hour workshop on Saturday morning conducted by John Johnson. John will cover the equipment flies and methods required to fly fish for smallmouth bass with the emphasis on catching large river smallmouth bass.

■ **Photography for the Fly Fisherman** will be a one hour program at 11 am Saturday morning by John Johnson. This program will be a great opportunity to learn and improve your photography skills.

## PROGRAMS AND WORKSHOPS

- **Don Sawyer on Friday evening will do a special program A Wee Dram** with Don on the River Don. This along with the usual refreshment orientation will make your evening if you want something to do besides fishing.
- **Auction/raffle and awards** will take place Saturday afternoon. The auction will feature fishing equipment, boxes of flies and artwork. Kelley Smith, Fisheries Chief, Michigan DNR will be the guest speaker.
- **FFF Casting Certification** will be available on Saturday. John Van Dalen heads up the certification team. You must register for the School AND register with the National office of FFF. Contact the national office at (406)222-9369 for information and registration. John will also teach a Fly Casting Instructors Workshop on Friday afternoon for advanced casters. This workshop is open to anyone interested in teaching casting and is a requirement for the certification test on Saturday. It is a good prep for taking the certification test and provides a good opportunity to pick up tips from a great casting instructor.
- **Fly tying demonstrations and federating** along with the raffle & auction display will be ongoing in the Lower Education Building on Friday and Saturday.

**Fishing opportunities** in the area include not only the famous Au Sable and Manistee River and their tributaries but also float tubing on nearby Wakely Lake, a catch and release lake with outstanding fishing for Bass, Bluegill, and even Northern Pike. A special program will be held at 4 p.m. on Friday on where to fish and to match you up with a fishing partner if you desire.

**Registration is open to anyone.** Registration costs for Federation members is \$25 for individuals and \$35 for families. Add \$10 to these costs for nonmembers. Special package rates are available (\$200 double occupancy and \$250 single occupancy) which include registration, two night lodging, Friday dinner, breakfast, lunch and dinner Saturday and breakfast Sunday.

**LUNCH WILL BE AVAILABLE AT NOON ON FRIDAY. YOU MUST REGISTER FOR THE FRIDAY LUNCH UNLESS YOU HAVE REGISTERED FOR ONE OF THE SPECIAL PACKAGES.**

See the registration form for special rates for spouses and children. The beginning fly fishing class cost is \$160 and The Fly Casting Instructors Workshop and the On Stream Workshop for Streamer Fishing Tactics will cost \$50.00. The remaining programs and workshops are free with registration.

Lodging accommodations are provided at the R.A. MacMullan Conference Center located at the north end of Higgins Lake, with sandy beaches and activities for the entire family. Adjacent to the MacMullan Center is the popular North Higgins Lakes State Park which boasts shaded campsites and a sandy beach. Other lodging is also available and information on private campgrounds and nearby motels will be provided upon request. Reservations for the MacMullan Center will be made on a first-come, first-serve basis. If you are not staying at the Center, you can still register for meals at the Center. Advanced registration for meals is required to be guaranteed availability.

**Questions can be directed to Jim Schramm (231) 869-5487 or (231) 740-7278, e-mail [jdschramm@oceana.net](mailto:jdschramm@oceana.net)**

# REGISTRATION FORM

## GLC Summer Fly Fishing School & Conclave, June 17-19, 2011

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
First name(s) as they should appear on badge(s) \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone ( ) \_\_\_\_\_ FFF Member # \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail address \_\_\_\_\_

### FFF Membership - Make your statement in support of FFF -

Date of Birth \_\_\_/\_\_\_/\_\_\_    New Member     Former Member     Renewal   
 Individual Membership \$35                       3-Year Individual \$85                       Senior (65 yrs +) \$25  
 Family Membership \$45                       3-Year Family \$100                       Individual Life \$500  
(Spouses & Children under 18)                       Youth/Student (up to age 22) \$15                       Couple Life \$750

**Special Packages:**

Double occupancy \$200 (per person)\*  
 Double occupancy \$180 (spouse)\*  
 Double occupancy \$160 (per child)\*  
 Single occupancy \$250.00\*

\* includes lodging, Meals & Registration  
add \$10 for non-Federation member

**Meals:**

Friday Luncheon @ \$8.00  
 Friday Dinner @ \$20.00 \_\_ Shrimp \_\_ Chicken  
 Saturday Breakfast @ \$8.00  
 Saturday Luncheon @ \$8.00  
 Saturday Dinner @ \$20.00 \_\_ Steak \_\_ Fish  
 Sunday Breakfast @ \$8.00

**Lodging:** \$60 shared; \$80 single (per night) 48 hour notice required for meals to be guaranteed

**Registration:**

Individual FFF member \$25; non-member \$35  
 Family FFF member \$35 (children under 12), non-member \$45  
 youth (12-17) \$10  
 Friday Only \$10  
 Saturday Only \$15

**Other:**

Friday Afternoon Fly Tying Workshop  
 Saturday Morning Fly Tying Workshop  
 Saturday Afternoon Fly Tying Workshop (NO CHARGE FOR FLY TYING WORKSHOPS)  
 Beginning Fly Fishing School, Friday & Saturday (\$160) (Limit 10) (Includes Box Lunch)  
 Fly Casting Instructors Workshop, Friday (\$50) (Limit 10)  
 On Stream Workshop, Streamer Fishing Tactics, Saturday (\$50) (Limit 6)  
 Indicate club if applicable \_\_\_\_\_  
 **Donation included for Sweepstakes Tickets \$** \_\_\_\_\_

**Total enclosed \$** \_\_\_\_\_.

Credit Card Payment:  Visa     MasterCard    Card# \_\_\_\_\_    Expiration Date \_\_\_\_\_

Signature required for Credit Card Payment \_\_\_\_\_

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

**Send completed form with payment to:**

**GLC Fly Fishing School, c/o Derek LeRoy, 49490 Garfield Lane, Canton, MI 48188.**

**For questions contact Jim Schramm at (231) 869-5487 or (231) 740-7278 or e-mail at [jdschramm@oceana.net](mailto:jdschramm@oceana.net).**

# Summer Fly Fishing School/Conclave Sweepstakes 2011

## Prizes include Graphite fly rod, Tackle, and More

**Donation \$1 each; 6 for \$5; 13 for \$10; 19 for \$15; 26 for \$20; 32 for \$25**

• Need not be present to win • (no purchase necessary) • Drawing June 18 in Roscommon, MI

**Return to: Derek LeRoy 49490 Garfield Lane, Canton, MI 48188**

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## **FISH THE UPPER MANISTEE Stay & Relax for only \$15 per Night!!!**

Just minutes northwest of Grayling, the Upper Manistee River offers fantastic fly fishing for eager native brook trout by day and big browns in the evenings and late nights. New in 2011, the Upper Manistee features gear-restricted, artificials-only fishing all the way north to County Road 612. You can experience this special fishery for only \$15/night at two excellent riverside campgrounds!

### **GOOSE CREEK STATE FOREST CAMPGROUND**

LOCATION: M-72 west to Manistee River Road north to campground just below County Road 612.

CAMPING: 12 rustic sites with fire pits right beside the river.

FISHING: Excellent hatches of hendricksons, sulphurs, drakes, olives, and terrestrials. Big browns come out after dark to mice and other night patterns. Good wood cover and gravel runs full of brookies. The river braids, providing a spring creek atmosphere in spots.

### **UPPER MANISTEE STATE FOREST CAMPGROUND**

LOCATION: M-72 west to Goose Creek Road north a few miles to campground entrance.

CAMPING: 40 rustic sites in the middle of a quiet, tall pine forest.

FISHING: Deep pools and wood-covered banks hold big browns. Excellent hatches and terrestrial fishing. This section of river richly rewards anglers who learn it.

Drive in and grab a campsite on your next river trip!

Or call the DNR's Grayling Field Office at (989) 348-6371 for more information.

## **2011 FFF GLC Research Grants**

This year the Great Lakes Council had an opportunity to provide some funding to students at Lake Superior State University. Students in LSSU Biology Programs complete research projects in their undergraduate programs. The students learn not only from their research, but also the research process. This year Catherine Lademan and Ellis Raatz received grants.

Catherine is researching the abundance of *Tubifex tubifex* in the Platte River, Brundage Creek and Brundage Spring. *Tubifex tubifex* is the only known host for the parasite causing Whirling disease. One main reason for this research project is to find a better water supply for the Platte River State Fish Hatchery. With the Platte River State Fish Hatchery rearing more than half of the Chinook and all of the Coho salmon for stocking the Great Lakes, learning more about Whirling disease would benefit the salmonoid fisheries. Another benefit would be to better the Platte River fisheries. This disease is slowly making its appearance and if not controlled, can wipe out a fish population.

Ellis' project is to determine the amount of fishing pressure and harvest practices of fisherman on Soldier Lake. Ellis, also will be determining the size structure and growth rates of yellow perch in Soldier Lake to determine the possibility of over harvesting large individuals. Soldier Lake has been both studied and managed by Lake Superior State students for well over a decade with no long term success seen. Also, the US Forest Service has worked on this system for many years prior to Lake State. Soldier Lake has a US Forest Service campground located on it which increases the desire to have a fishable population of yellow perch in it. However, past studies have shown a small size at age structure. The presence of the campground and the morphological characteristic of Soldier Lake make it a system that is susceptible to over fishing. After my data is collected and analyzed if over fishing does appear to be taking place changes in regulations could be warranted to increase the overall size of yellow perch. However, if it is not being over fished this is further evidence to support the possibility of a stunted population.

These students are conducting research that fits with the mission of the Federation and the GLC. The GLC thinks it's important to support these unique opportunities to help future scientists and policy makers. Congratulations Catherine and Ellis.

## The Dangers of Yellowstone or Watch that Backcast!

Fly fishing in Yellowstone is fraught with hazards. There are wild animals such as bison, grizzly bears, moose and elk. These animals know that they belong in the park and you don't. They don't take kindly to your intrusions on their space, threatening their young or blocking their chosen path. They are willing to accommodate you to a limited extent, but beyond that they will either run you out or provide you with a new orifice on your posterior or elsewhere. Horns, claws, teeth and hooves can ruin your day when they make contact with your body. In addition, you are fishing in a mountain wilderness with cliffs, wild rivers and inclement weather. Danger also comes from humankind in cars, trucks and campers on narrow mountainous roads. I guess the ultimate bad day in Yellowstone would be falling of a cliff into a river in front of a moose that tramples you and when you go for help you are hit by a car. Your imagination does not have to work overtime to imagine other such scenarios.



While there are dangers there are also rewards. Fly fishing in the environs of the park is one of highlights of the sport. Three species of Cutthroats, rainbows, browns, brookies, and grayling all can be caught on flies here. Rivers such as the Gibbon, Firehole, Yellowstone and Madison are legendary for prolific insect hatches pursued by ravenous, wild trout. I had heard of the Firehole in the annals of angling lore. It seemed that every fly fishing magazine had an article on the Firehole. There are places where heated water from a thermal pool flows directly into the river. This river was named for such thermal features, where as John Coulter said, "he could catch a trout and cook it without moving from his spot."

There are roads that follow this fabled river for most of length. Access is rarely a problem. In fact, at times the river runs so close to the road that you have to watch you backcast to avoid snagging a passing car. Unfortunately, on my first trip to the park I learned this element of truth the hard way. I was fly fishing along the Firehole above the canyon and was casting to a large rainbow on the opposite bank. The gorgeous fish was taking caddis flies and seemed just out of range. I had already waded into the swift current as deep as I dared and there was this twenty foot waterfall not far from where I was wading. From this precarious position I was trying to make the cast of my life to this fish. I stripped out enough line to reach this fish and made a horrendous backcast with my 7 1/2' fiberglass Fenwick just as a Chevrolet Vega was passing behind me. I hooked the speeding car in the rubber gasket that went around its windshield. My drag screamed like a banshee and little rod bent double. The Vega almost spooled me but I brought it to a screeching halt, what a drag, it had stopped a car! Unfortunately, the driver was angry and mad as a wet hornet driver might have had something to do with the cars panicked halt. Obviously he appreciated the high quality caddis fly I was using and I'm sure he knew I had tied it myself because the driver jumped out of his car, walked around the front of it, grabbed the leader and yanked the fly out of his windshield breaking my tippet and freeing the fly all in one motion. He then opened the passenger door and threw the fly with the tippet streaming behind it into the car. He flashed me with a glaring, dirty look. The man quickly stomped back to the driver's side, climbed into the car and with a jack rabbit start complete with screeching tires he sped away. I was stunned, all of this happened so fast I was not sure what to think or do. Then it hit me I practicing catch and release! The Vega had sped away and could be caught by future anglers! I love this kind of conservation.

All of the commotion must have spooked the fish because when I looked back to the river it was gone. I continued to fish the river but somehow it had lost its challenge. Trout in the 8 to 12 " category just could not compete with the big rainbow and certainly provided a lot less excitement than catching a car, even if I did have to release it.

It has been many years since this mishap and I have been privileged to fish the rivers of Yellowstone many times. The Firehole, Gibbon, Gallatin, Madison and Yellowstone have provided untold hours of enjoyment. I have caught trout big and small and every size in between. Of course some fish got away with such mishaps as broken tippets, hooks that pulled out, fish running into various kinds of snags etc. Like many of my brethren, I consider Yellowstone a fly fishing Mecca or Valhalla. However, you do have to watch your backcast!

# 2011 GLC FALL STEELHEAD OUTING

October 21-23, 2011

Barothy Lodge • Walhalla, MI

Barothy Lodge is located just off US 10 between Ludington and Baldwin on the Pere Marquette River. 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. 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, rent a canoe, kayak, 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. Visit [www.barothylodge.com](http://www.barothylodge.com) for more information about the lodge.

**Registration includes:** 2 nights lodging, 6 meals, refreshments including beer and wine 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, 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.

So let's make this happen. Reservations will be made on a first come, first served basis. Lodge and room choices are provided on the registration form and confirmation will be provided by e-mail. A minimum of 32 registered are needed for these 3 lodges and a go – no go decision must be reached by June 24th. If we do not have the minimum number by that date, this will end with full refunds.

To hold a slot, a dibs deposit of \$75 is due with the reservation or you can make the full payment of \$225. Balance must be paid by June 20th. Cancellation after payment is made to the Lodge 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)

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## REGISTRATION FORM

### GLC FFF FALL STEELHEAD OUTING Barothy Lodge, Walhalla, MI • October 21 - 23, 2011

cost \$225 per person    \$75 Dibs deposit due with registration

Lodge \_\_\_\_\_ Twin \_\_\_\_\_ Queen \_\_\_\_\_ King \_\_\_\_\_ Lodging Preference based on availability

Main Lodge (14 beds): 6 rooms on 2nd floor: 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: 1 on the upper level, 1 on the lower level. Riverbend (6 beds): UL: 1 room King, 1 room Queen, 2 baths; LL: 2 rooms each with 2 twin beds, 1 bathroom.

**Make check payable to GLC FFF and mail with this form to: Don Sawyer, GLC Fall Outing,  
Before April 20: 9631 N. Arch Canyon PI, Tucson AZ 85743 Thereafter: 2031 Tomahawk Rd, Okemos, MI 48864**

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Traverse City. Yesterday, a new Republican majority of the Michigan Supreme Court, formed by two new justices who were seated in January 2011, vacated a case that was fully decided in late December 2010. The case, Anglers of the Au Sable v MDEQ had restored rights of Michigan citizens to bring lawsuits to protect the environment and water under Michigan’s constitution and the Michigan Environmental Protection Act.

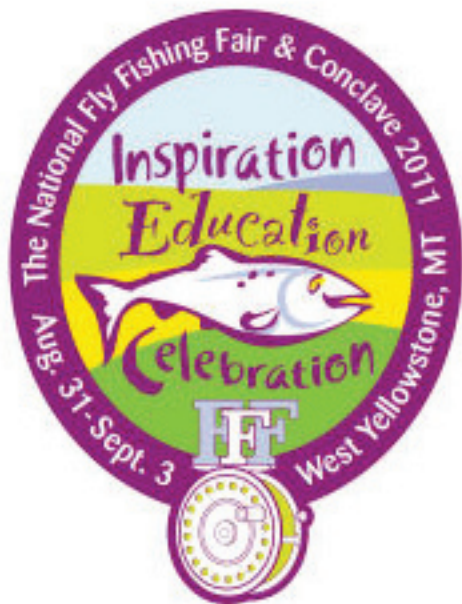
In its comprehensive December 2010 decision, the Supreme Court reversed a Court of Appeals decision that had undermined the rights of riparian landowners and the public in lakes and streams. Said decision also cut off the rights of citizens to bring suit under the Michigan Environmental Protection Act against the state for issuing permits that harm or pollute the environment.

However, in early 2011 newly elected Republican Attorney General Bill Schuette played a political card when he asked the Supreme Court to rehear the case. Schuette reportedly indicated that the newly elected conservative change in the makeup of the Supreme Court could provide a basis to overturn the Court’s December decision. In his motion, Attorney General Schuette’s motion raised no new issues that had not already been decided by the Court. The only change was the seating of newly elected Justice Mary Beth Kelly, who defeated Justice Alton Davis, and newly appointed Justice Brian Zahra, who replaced Justice Maureen Corrigan who left the bench to head the Department of Health Services. Under long-standing custom, newly elected Justices generally have not participated in rehearing for cases that the Court fully argued and decided prior to their taking a seat on the Court. Pursuant to established precedent, the Supreme Court generally denies a motion for a rehearing if the motion is based on a change in the political make up of the Court or they do not present any new significant issues not already fully decided.

Jim Olson, one of the lead attorneys for the Anglers of the Au Sable, the organization who fought and won the decision in December 2010, said, “The December decision should have put a period on a long expensive struggle by citizens to right a wrong and protect our water and environment. There were no new issues, no errors, and no new change in law to justify a rehearing. I guess the whimsy of politics turns sweet justice sour.”

“The decision is a slap in the face to citizens of Michigan who depend upon the plain meaning of our laws that grant them the right to bring actions in our courts to protect our water and environment. It’s another decision for big business, and against citizens, the environment, and our economic recovery which depends on clean water and a pure environment,” said Bruce Pregler, President of the Anglers of Au Sable.

## 2011 International Fly Fishing Fair Announcement



# IT'S OFFICIAL! MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

The 46th Annual Fly Fishing Fair & Conclave will be held in West Yellowstone, MT on August 31st - September 3rd, 2011. Workshops will also be available on Tuesday August 30.

Plan to attend this spectacular event for people of all ages! The fishing and educational opportunities will be outstanding!

More details to come soon!

See you there!

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

## REGISTRATION WILL OPEN JUNE 2011

### 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):

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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.

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