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November 2008

## Nielsen's rating? Her "guide flies" score a 10

In her first appearance at a Michigan Fly Fishing Club meeting, West Michigan-based fly tier Julie Nielsen kept October meeting attendees enthralled by focusing on a selection of "guide flies." She demonstrated three: a variation of Earl Madsen's venerable skunk, a pattern called



### **Garage Sale Night set for November 26**

*You'll want to be on hand for what's become a much anticipated tradition, the Club's annual garage sale night. You'll likely find all manner of fishing-related items offered by members.*



*Terry Herron and Larry Poole get some individual attention from October presenter, Julie Nielsen.*

"box o' chocolates" and the D.O.A. or "dun on arrival."

A regular at the annual Great Lakes Council-FFF Fly Tying Expo in Mason, Nielsen described "guide flies" as "cheap, easy and quick to do." "Believe me," she said, "after a day spent with a client on the river, a guide's not interested in doing any tying."

While she doesn't think of herself as a production fly tier, she is a commercial tier, cranking out about 700 dozen flies

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## UPCOMING MEETINGS & EVENTS

**November 7-10**

**Fall Steelhead Outing**

Muskegon River, Newaygo

Contact: Eric Zadorecky

**November 12 (Note 2<sup>nd</sup> Wed.)**

**Speaker: Jeff "Bear" Andrews**

**Topic: "Labrador Brook Trout and the Flies to Deceive Them"**

Clarenceville Middle School,

Livonia, 7:30 p.m.

**November 19 (Note: 3<sup>rd</sup> Wed.)**

**Board Meeting**

Clarenceville Middle School,

Livonia, 7:30 p.m.

**November 26 (Note: 4<sup>th</sup> Wed.)**

**Garage Sale & Activity Night**

**Featured Tier: Terry Herron**

Clarenceville Middle School,

Livonia, 7:30 p.m.

**December 6**

**9<sup>th</sup> Annual Great Lakes**

**Council-FFF Tying Expo**

Ingham County Fairgrounds, Mason

9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Admission: \$10 for adults, \$5 for

youths ages 13-18; children 12 and under are free.



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a year, exclusively for Gates AuSable Lodge, Schmidt Outfitters and Kelly Galloup's Slide Inn, near West Yellowstone, MT. Her real forté, she said, is tying custom orders. When not tying, she and her 7-year-old border collie, Tippet (more formally known to the American Kennel Club as Nielsen's 6X Tippet) have explored many of America's most notable rivers, including the Yellowstone, Arkansas' White River, the Deschutes in Oregon and Pennsylvania's Yellow Breeches.

She said she finds that traditional Michigan flies, like Earl Madsen's skunk are especially effective on other rivers, particularly those out West. "The fish out there just haven't seen many of them," she said.

### Julie Nielsen's Skunk

**Thread:** Black 50 denier GSP (gel spun polyester)  
**Hook:** #10 Tiemco 1001  
**Tail:** White calf tail  
**Body:** Crystal Antron chenille  
**Accent:** Four strands of Crystal Flash  
**Wing:** High-quality elk  
**Rubber legs,** tied in right at the water level

Nielsen described this as "an all-day fly." "Cast it right up into the log jams and cover. Let it sit for a second, then pop it. It'll elicit a savage strike." She also noted that tied in with a yellow

body, it will pass for a hopper and has proven to be especially effective on Western rivers. The GSP thread is especially important, she added. "You need a thread that you can really horse down on."



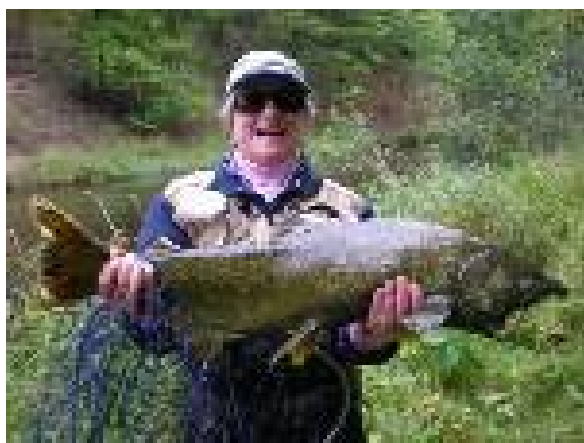
*October presenter Julie Nielsen, with her materials and tools arrayed around her, prepares to take club members on a tour of her favorite "guide flies."*

### Julie's Box o' Chocolates

**Thread:** Black or brown  
**Hook:** Dry fly sizes #14, #16, or #18  
**Head:** 1/8<sup>th</sup> inch brass or tungsten bead  
**Rib:** Fine gold wire  
**Accent:** One strand of a Crystal Flashaboo tied in like the lateral line on a fish  
**Body:** Hare's ear dubbing  
**Hackle:** Hungarian Partridge, tied very sparse in by the tip

### Julie's D.O.A. (Dun on Arrival)

Can be used for blue wing olives, sulphurs, pale morning duns  
**Hook:** Dry fly sizes #18 to #24  
**Thread:** To match body  
**Body:** Crinkled Zelon, stretched out and sparse  
 Parachute post material  
**Hackle:** Dun Whiting, 2 to 3 wraps behind the post and 2 wraps in front of the post. Trim the bottom hackle flush with the hook point.



### Salmon time!

*Maralynn Tanner and one of the three salmon she brought to the net while fishing the Gleason's Landing area on the PM in mid-September. "ALL fish caught were successfully netted by my long-time fishing buddy, Vince Ronewicz," she said.*



Our featured tier in November will be Terry Herron. He's pictured above at the 2007 Great Lakes Council-FFF Fly Tying Expo.

## Foam and feathers: Class is in session at the Nov. activity meeting

by Todd A. Schotts

Most birds are on the wing heading south and you say you haven't seen a grasshopper since Labor Day? You can change that at the November 26 activity meeting. Terry Herron will be featuring foam hoppers and Jack Gartside's famous sparrow pattern.

Herron is a Royal Oak resident, a retired school teacher and one very active MFFC member. If there's a school, a youth activity or an opportunity to interest other anglers in tying, you'll typically find Herron there. He's a regular at events like our Youth School, Boy Scout School, the Members' School, youth fly tying at the club's corner at MUCC's Outdoorama and the Ultimate Fishing Show.

Herron's chosen two interesting patterns. The foam hopper comes from the pages of *Fly Tye Magazine*. If you read about it, now you'll be able to see it tied and tie your own.

The second fly should be a staple in everyone's fly box right alongside the wooly bugger. Massachusetts native Jack Gartside devised the sparrow more than 25 years ago while camping near Baker's Hole on the Madison River just outside West Yellowstone, MT. He didn't like changing flies all the time, so he wanted a fly that could fish as a nymph or as a streamer or

even as a passable hopper. It's been referred to by various names – but come November you'll garner the info you need to tie your own – no matter what you decide to call it.

So bring your vise, your tools, and be sure to get a good seat because Terry Herron's class will definitely be in session.



### The Fly Tye Foam Hopper

**Hook:** 2x long, sizes 8-12

**Thread:** 6/0 contrasting color to the foam

**Body:** 2mm closed-cell foam

**Legs:** Medium round rubber legs

**Wing:** Deer hair



### The Gartside Sparrow

**Hook:** 1x long nymph size 12-8

**Tail:** Fluff from pheasant rump feather

**Rib:** Copper wire

**Body:** Ultra chenille

**Collar:** Pheasant rump feather

**Head:** Aftershaft feather

### Help save on postage, get your *Hatch* via email

With the economy bracing for the possibility of more bad news, everyone's economizing. Getting your monthly edition of *The Evening Hatch* via email will help trim some of our expenses, freeing up dollars to be used in other ways. Just let Membership Chairman Eric Center know you want to receive the newsletter electronically.

## MFFC helps CRA empower communities to improve water quality

Funded in part by an MFFC conservation grant, the Conservation Resource Alliance (CRA) and partners have been working hard to deliver new technology that will make sharing information and stimulating public involvement much easier.

Its primary purpose is to include six new rivers (Bear Creek, Big Sable, Manistee, Pere Marquette, Carp, and Maple rivers) and update existing watershed conditions and priorities on an exciting new prototype GIS database. The database called Evaluation of Erosion Control Best Management Practices (BMP's) in Streams. Sample content may be viewed at [www.liaa.info/crabmp/](http://www.liaa.info/crabmp/). The database is user-friendly and is an interactive and updateable tool for tracking sources of sediment input and other impacts to watersheds throughout northwest Michigan. Now for the first time, agencies, non-governmental organizations, and especially local residents, can have real-time access to watershed information at their fingertips.

Providing this information allows local people, groups, and specific audiences to engage and connect ideas to the efforts of other organizations to create more sustainable communities through interactive involvement in natural resource management. For 40 years, CRA and local partners have successfully completed hundreds of projects greatly reducing non-point source pollution from entering the Great Lakes and surrounding coastal watersheds.

The secondary purpose of this project is to empower local residents to get involved in watershed management by providing public information technology through interactive web and CD databases. Included is specific site information designed to be utilized

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# Todd's world, etymologically speaking

by Todd A. Schotts

*(Editor's note: Todd Schotts has taken readers of The Evening Hatch on tours of some of Michigan's most famous rivers. In this edition, he's decided to turn his attention to some of the terms that have slipped into fly anglers' vocabulary. Read 'em and weep or chuckle as the mood moves you. What you're about to read likely won't be contained in the American Heritage, Webster's or Oxford New English dictionaries.)*

Taking a break from tying recently, I decided to look up "Fly Fishing Terminology" on the Internet. Was I ever amazed! There were sites for Japan, England, Europe, Ireland and the good ol' USA. Let's not forget "fly tying." WOW! After glancing at some of those definitions I figured I could enhance or come up with my own definitions for a few of them. So I picked out ones that I thought really needed some new definitions and here they are. Some of you, after reading this list, may think that I may have tied one too many flies or left the caps off the Fish Glue, Zap-A-Gap and head cement. Nevertheless, here they are.

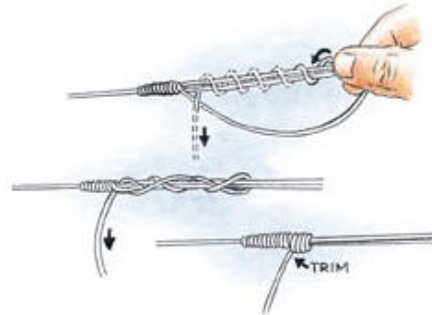


*An alevin pattern.*

**ALEVIN:** One of the three famous singing and TV and movie star chipmunks. (Simon, Theodore, and ALEVIN!)

**BEAD HEAD:** What your fishing partner calls you upon seeing the cold sweat beading on your forehead the morning after consuming way too much 25-year-old single malt. Related to "WOBBLING."

**BI-FLY:** A fly that is comfortable among straight and gay fly anglers.



*A Bimini twist*

**BIMINI TWIST:** A variation of that 1960, Chubby Checker-inspired dance, "The Twist." This version can only be performed in tropical locations wearing a mango-hued Midwest Fly Fishing Expo tech shirt and a \$5 grass skirt.

**BUTT PAD:** Okay, I'm going to leave this one alone. NEXT!!

**DISTURBANCE PATTERN:** This occurs when a rooster-crowing alarm clock goes off at 6 a.m. in the middle of a crowded fly fishing lodge. As the lodgers search high and low for this fowl wake-up call, the disturbance causes a pattern of surly behavior among the awakened lodgers.

**FOUL-HOOK:** This is the name given to the first fly you ever tie because it tends to resemble a chicken with a hook in its marabou section (buttocks).

**HORROR FLIES:** Think stacked deer hair trimmed to resemble you famous horror film villains – the "Frankenstein Fry Fly;" "Dracula Dobson Fly;" "Mummy Mayfly," an advanced, but misnamed cased-caddis pattern; and "Jason's Jointed Fly," a variation of Earl Madsen's "buzzsaw." Tiers of these patterns are not known to have a life.

**INSECT GREEN:** The color your face turns after drinking water straight from the river, stream or lake you are fishing.

**KEEPER RING:** Synonymous with "wedding ring."

**PELVIC FIN:** Among fly anglers whose waistline is expanding. It's synonymous with "love handles."

**PROFILE:** A complaint lodged against DNR conservation officers who stop you before you reach Tippy Dam access site during salmon and steelhead season as they pat you down looking for the (in)famous "Pere Marquette Yarn Treble Hook" patterns.

**RUN:** What you do when you inadvertently hook a wasps' nest in a tree overhanging the river.

**SNIPPET:** What your spouse does to your credit cards after you get home from the fly shop.

**STRIP:** What you do after you step into a deep pool and float your hat.



**SURFACE TENSION:** The result of repeatedly hooking your float partner or guide.

**TEETER:** What you do after multiple nips of the 25-year-old single malt in your hip flask. If this happens, find a chair immediately. If no chair is available, just sit down where you are ... as long as it's not in the middle of the river.

**UPWIND:** A very good place to be after eating my Loaded Country Bean, 15 Bean Soup. BAM!!!

**VENT:** What you do if you're "UPWIND."

**WILD TURKEY:** Possible favorite adult beverage among fly fishers.

**WOBBLING:** What you do while walking to the river the morning after you've spent a night drinking 25-year-old single malt. See "BEAD HEAD."

Until next time, Tight Lines and Snazzy Flies.

# MFFC Board Meeting Minutes September 17, 2008

**Present:** P. Brazzil, J. Long, J. McGowan, S. Freeburg, A. Bullock, B. Kramer, C. Hunter, E. Center.

**Visitors:** John Pinto, Jeff Parker, Tim Marchand, Eric Zadorecky.

7:30 Meeting was called to order by McGowan. Two proposed versions of meeting minutes were submitted for approval and Center/Kramer moved for the approval of the "G" version of the minutes. Long/Center moved for the approval of the agenda, with one addition for a brief presentation by Pinto.

## Officer Reports

**President** – Brazzil welcomed visitors and new board members. The expo dates are now set in stone for March 7-8, 2009. The expo will be at the same location and the same time as last year. Sprys will be the Expo chair. Our tentative speakers are Gary Borger, Jim Teeny, Bob Jacklin and Oscar Feliu. Last year all chairs were asked to reduce their budget by 10% and this same request is being made this year (to keep each budget area at the same 10% reduction as last year). Chairs were thanked and congratulated on reducing their budgets 10% and coming in on/under budget. There was a 100% positive feedback for the banquet at the Italian-American Club and thanks are extended to all organizers of the event for such a great time. All participants had a good time and Oscar Feliu provided a very good change of pace which appealed to the non-fishing banquet attendees.

## Seeking Help

- Brazzil is seeking a board member or volunteer to create and maintain a spreadsheet with all the club outings. The spreadsheet would provide information on the outing and serve as both a historical and organizational tool. It is hoped the spreadsheet would include the name, email, date, chair, and other pertinent information for each club outing.

- Hunter has agreed to put together a system for tracking the club equipment, specifically the vises and fly tying materials. Hunter will seek assistance and make a proposal for a tracking system.
- There is a suggestion that all board members have keys to the offsite storage units as well as the on-premises storage.

## Looking Forward

- All business for meetings must go through the board before being brought up at any regular meeting. This is a constitutional requirement, and will be enforced.
- There will be an effort to coordinate Activity/Speakers with the season of fishing, with hopes of creating themes and tie in with the speakers and activities. (Like opening day flies in March/April, late season patterns in September/October...)

**Treasurer** – Freeburg submitted a year-end report and a monthly report. We were under budget for 2008, achieving a 10% reduction from the prior year, so thank you to all chairs and club members who helped meet this goal. We will need to address the accounting for insurance as the policy is for three years, however it is paid in one lump sum. This makes the insurance budget look like it is over, when it is actually on target for the three-year policy life. Reports going forward will include a category for interest on investments. The 2009 budget will keep track of all YTD expenses vs. budget. Motion to approve the report by Center/Kramer. Passed.

**Corresponding Secretary** – Kramer announced that Julie Nielsen will be the speaker in October, and Jim Bedford will speak in December. There is still a vacancy for November, however efforts are being made to find a speaker.

**Website** – Zadorecky. The website is being updated and changed daily. All historic passwords were preserved and the old web site was archived. So members have a general understanding of the web site protocols, all spam and

misspelled emails will be automatically returned. Expo information is being updated as it is received, so please keep forwarding the information. There was a discussion about being able to accept payment through the website, however we are not there in terms of economic feasibility and technology. This will be re-visited periodically and if anything changes, the board will be notified. Zadorecky is seeking a moderator to oversee a fly fishing report blog. The moderator would oversee/moderate/edit the blog to make sure everything is appropriate for publication and that there are no abuses by anyone. Please see Zadorecky if you can help or are interested. The website is still in need of photographs from members. These can be any appropriate photographs from members and do not need to be limited to fishing, club outings and activities. All appropriate pictures will be considered.

**Membership** – Center will work with Freeburg to reconcile the numbers between the funds received and paid members.

**Events & Outings** – Pinto suggested a gathering on the East side to generate interest. The thought is to rent a hall and host a speaker. The proposed date is 2/18/2009 and the proposed budget would be \$250, which would be for the hall rental and speaker. The thought is to have a cash bar. The hope is to have approximately 250 people attend the outing. Brazzil spoke in favor of the idea and the proposed date which would not conflict with any other calendar dates. This would be a good way to promote the club, and would hopefully generate interest in the expo, which is on the East side and the month following the proposed date. It is important for the membership to understand this would not be a normal club meeting and would not interfere with any other scheduled club meeting. Motion to approve a \$250 budget for John Pinto to arrange an East side gathering. Hunter/Center. Passed.

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### New Business

1. We received a letter from Attorney Steve Clemmons regarding our trademark for the Expo. After a review of the letter, it was determined the proposal by the attorney was unclear, however it was very clear that action needed to be taken prior to October 2008 in order to preserve our trademark. The matter was referred back to Mike Matuszewski to make inquiries and take action on the trademark. Motion to renew the trademark and include all other reasonable variations of the name (Midwest Fly Fishing Exposition) assuming there is no additional cost above the \$600 quote. Brazzil/Kramer. Passed.
2. Walicki Fundraiser. The club received a notice of a fundraiser being held for Ed and Kirsten Walicki. The notice is seeking support from members for our fellow member as he goes through expensive cancer treatment. Flyers are available for distribution and information will be on the website. (McGowan will provide the information to Kramer for the website.) The fundraiser will be announced at the next meeting(s).

3. Internal Audit Committee. Freeburg is looking for a three member audit team. The audit must be completed before the taxes are filed, and the filing date is January 15, 2009. The goal is to have the audit done and the taxes completed by December 1, 2008, for presentation at the December business meeting. Freeburg has met with the accountant once to go through the basics of the audit and our financials. Eric Center recommended Mike Matuszewski and Cindy Center. Brazzil will seek and follow up with recommendations and try to find a third member for the team. Brazzil will report to Freeburg when the committee members are identified.

### Old Business

1. MUCC Membership – tabled. There has been no change.
2. Anglers Legacy – tabled due to absence.

### Visitor Comments

Zadorecky – Maybe the club should consider changing the board elections to coordinate with the tax filings. This would alleviate the problem of having an incoming president/board member signing and being responsible for the tax returns for the prior administration.

Meeting adjourned at 9:25 p.m.  
Kramer/Brazzil.



*Ray Geitka displays a box of Clousers.*

## Oh that Geitka! Crazy 'bout Clousers

Ray Geitka stepped into the fly tier's spotlight at the September 24 activities meeting and brought the esteemed Clouser Deep Minnow with him.

Fly fishing icon Bob Clouser, who has been a headliner at several Midwest Fly Fishing Expositions, developed the pattern in the 1980's and has since experimented with a variety of hooks, barbells, materials and colors. The pattern gained national fame in 1989 after fellow icon Lefty Kreh wrote about it in *Fly Fisherman* magazine.

The fly is typically tied with barbell eyes set on top of the hook about one-third of the way back from the hook eye. Usually, according to Geitka, materials are tied sparsely in layers on the inside of the hook. Generally, the fly is tied with no body.

Common hooks are the Mustad saltwater 3407 or Mustad 3906, or their equivalents, in sizes 2 to 6.

Barbell eyes come in a variety of forms – bead chain, lead, nickel, brass or plastic. Sometimes the eyes are purchased already painted or the tier can paint his or her own. If you're interested in painting your own, insert a cheap comb upright in a vise, slide the barbell eyes in the comb tines, paint both sides and add pupils. Common eye colors are red, white and yellow, Geitka said.

“Design the fly to be an attractor or a baitfish. It can be as simple as a clump of Flashabou or layers of bucktail, Crystal Flash and peacock herl. Sometimes a red feather throat is added, perhaps to simulate blood from an injured baitfish.”

## MFFC helps CRA empower communities to improve water quality

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for outreach, educational assistance, research, public knowledge and to provide recommended treatments for problem sites.

CRA believes that healthy communities need healthy watersheds because so much of Michigan's heritage and family lifestyles are tied to rivers, lakes, fish, forests, and wildlife. This project is needed to help provide the opportunities for local stewardship to improve coastal watersheds and water quality through participation, education, information, and technology, and help guide decision-making by partners from local interest groups, landowners, and agencies in each watershed.

Other organizations joining the MFFC in supporting the initiative include the Pine River Area chapter of Trout Unlimited, the National Forest Foundation, CRA's RiverCare Fund, the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality's (MDEQ) Michigan Coastal Management Program and the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA).

# **Pinks and Kings aplenty at the end of road to the Garden**

*by Bob Jurczynszyn*

I never would have traveled this path if it hadn't been for my first trip to the MFFC Pink Salmon Outing on the Carp River, just north of St. Ignace.

The lure of fishing for lots of 18-to-20-inch salmon in September was just too attractive.

Alan Amendt, Chuck Chandler, Tom Hollman and I decided to give it a try and booked a couple of rooms in a St. Ignace motel (we weren't up to joining our fellow club members who were camping at a campground on the Carp River – but it didn't stop us from joining them in a few evening libations later on).

Following the map (provided by the outing chairman), we took the two-track to the river and started scouting for pinks. They were a little tough to locate until I was drawn to the river by a stranger shouting to me, "Are you from the club?" It turned out he was the cousin of club member Andy Jakubik and was looking to take a lunch break. He gave me a prime spot fishing to a pod of pinks. I probably caught 15 fish on any subsurface fly I could put in front of their faces.

Unfortunately over the next three years the amount of fish available in the Carp dropped dramatically. Some said it was the weather. Others blamed nets allegedly set at the mouth of the river.

Out of desperation, we decided to explore other public access points along the Garden River. The Canadian Tire store in Sault Ste. Marie, Ontario, provided us with directions to a two-track road that would take us to the river. After we found the two-track, it took us 30 minutes to go three miles to reach the football field-sized parking area at the river.

This road is extremely rough in spots and a four-wheel-drive vehicle with high ground clearance is highly advisable.

Judging by the number of SUVs, trucks, campers and tents in the parking area, the fish clearly were in. In fact the number of fish in the river was staggering. This was the first time I saw fish lined up like cords of firewood along with plenty of fishermen, though there was still plenty of room to find and fish for pinks. We were pleased to find an occasional king salmon coming through and Charlie hooked a few.

While taking a lunch break at the car, along with a little libation, we entered in a discussion with an older fellow crossing the parking area with a shotgun over his shoulder and found out he owned a cabin within walking distance. After several more libations, he was eager to give us a tour of both his cabin and a new one he (and his partner) were building for rent.

The new rustic cabin would have a wood potbellied stove, a propane stove and lights, three bedrooms with a pair of bunk beds in each, an outdoor privy (later replaced with an indoor bathroom) and would come with all the pots, pans and utensils needed for eating. Even though the cabin at that point only had four walls, a roof and half the floor completed, we decided it was worth the gamble and decided to rent it for the next year. These guys had built the cabin using planks cut from trees on the property, had provided running water from a small stream nearby and did this with no electricity available.

Staying at a cabin would sure beat the 90-minute drive from Sault Ste. Marie each day.

The fishing was great; they were all over the place! I got humbled and irritated when two kids (probably 8 and 10 years old) proceeded to haul in twice the number of pinks that I did. All the while their father was behind them video-taping them fly fishing.

The only time he gave them any instruction was when the youngest boy got bored and proceeded to drag a fish out of the water by placing his fly rod over his shoulder and marching to ankle deep water. At that point the

father instructed the boy on how to land a fish and properly release the fish.

I looked up at the bank and was surprised to see three campers holding up cards with numbers on them, similar to judges at the Olympics. The kid only got 2 nines and an eight.

This year was again outstanding after two slow years. Last year we had few pinks but enough kings to provide plenty of action if you were willing to do a little searching. This year there were plenty of pinks. In addition, there was such a surplus of actively spawning kings that virtually everyone was fishing for them. In fact, they'd get irritated when they hooked a pink that was feeding on the king's eggs.

It was common to be distracted by splashing kings (at times, 10 feet upstream of you) while you were fishing downstream to a pod of males aggressively protecting the space behind a spawning female. The fish weren't selective as to what nymph you were using, even though some people would swear "red" was the color the first day and "chartreuse" on the second day. Frankly, if you would fish down and across with a couple of BB split shot 18 inches above a nymph, you could probably swing any nymph pattern across their nose and get hookups.

At times walking upstream, you could get as close as a rod length from a pink without spooking them.

There were so many fish that you almost felt you were in a commercial trout pond.

By the time we finished our third day of fishing, we were fished out but eagerly looking forward to next year.

If you don't like to be in calf-deep water, on gravel, in a pristine stream surrounded by trees in full fall color, casting flies to big fish... If you don't like the idea of finding yourself to be the only angler in sight ... You might want to think about someplace other than the Garden.



### ***Extending helping hands***

*MFFC members were much in evidence assisting at last month's special benefit for Ed and Kirsten Walicki. In addition to Phil and Debbie Heck who organized much of the event, John Bayerl (above) was deeply involved. Bill Arnold (right), who is one half of the duo Wire & Wood, entertained along with the U.P. band Chasin' Steel. Many other club members were involved as well. Sadly, Ed lost his battle with cancer on October 20.*



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