



The Evening

Hatch

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Carpe diem, indeed

Barney Wong answers the question Why fly fish for carp?

The evening of September 10 was a warm, perfect evening for fly fishing. But the thoughts of MFFC members weren't directed to terrestrial-sipping trout or the salmon that have begun entering Michigan's rivers.

Instead, club member Barney Wong, who kicked off the club's speaker program, had members imagining the locomotive-like tug of a "Michigan bonefish" after a hook-up on Grand Traverse Bay flat.

So, why fish for carp? Wong cited a number of factors. First and foremost, he got everyone's attention by noting the "Viagra and Cialis factor." Simply put, they fight harder and longer, timewise, than most species available to Michigan fly anglers. Next, he cited the availability factor. They're abundant, found virtually everywhere and can thrive through a wide water temperature range – from 32 degrees to 106 degrees Fahrenheit. Finally, carp provide an incredible challenge. "They eat virtually anything, but they're extremely spooky and fussy," he said.

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Tying blind

Attendees at the 2008 Family Day Picnic donned blindfolds and picked up sharp objects in a daring attempt to tie a presentable fly without benefit of sight. For a full recap of the traditional end-of-summer event, see the back page. (Photo courtesy of Mike Duchin)



UPCOMING MEETINGS & EVENTS



Tier Julie Nielsen has appeared at the FFF GLC Tying Expo and the FFF's International Conclaves.

October 1

Speaker: Julie Nielsen
Clarenceville Middle School,
Livonia, 7:30 p.m.

October 8

Board Meeting
Clarenceville Middle School,
Livonia, 7:30 p.m.

October 15

Activity Night
Featured Tier: Al Bullock
Clarenceville Middle School,
Livonia, 7:30 p.m.



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**Member alert:
 Dues are, well, due**

Our first meeting of October is at hand. If you're not among the nearly 300 members who have already renewed your membership, please do. Renewal forms were mailed in July. Please note any changes on the renewal form and send in the entire form with your 2008-09 dues to the return address on the form.

Yellowstone veteran reflects on 2008's visit

by Al Haxton

This year I was able to make my seventh visit to Yellowstone Park and the surrounding area. When I first visited the Yellowstone Park area I made a promise to myself to never let a year pass without a visit to this wonderful place.

From a fly fisher's perspective this area is full of large, fabled trout streams and numerous small streams just waiting to be explored. With about 2,000 miles of trout stream within a couple hours' drive, the area centered on West Yellowstone is truly a fly fisher's wonderland.

However, I must admit that not only do I love the opportunities to fly fish, but I also love the wondrous scenery and other sights and sounds of the Park area. I have to say I spend about as much time just looking around and taking pictures as I do fishing. I truly am a Yellowstone Park junkie.

Whether it's my yearly visit to Madison Junction, where the very idea of a "national park" was started, or seeing the majestic bald eagle, this place just makes me happy. It's truly just that simple. It makes me happy just to be there. This place, this Yellowstone Park, also makes me feel not only lucky but proud, too.

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MFFC 2008-09 Meeting Schedule

	1 ST Meeting	Board Meeting	2 ND Meeting
SEPTEMBER	10	17	24
OCTOBER	1	8	15
NOVEMBER	12	19	26
DECEMBER	3	10	17
JANUARY	7	14	21
FEBRUARY	4	11	25
MARCH	4	11	18
APRIL	1	8* at Northville Senior Center	15
MAY	6	13	Banquet 20

Summer Meetings at Northville Senior Center

JUNE	10		
JULY	8		
AUGUST	12		

First visit to Y-stone has member eager for a return trip

by Doyle Letson

I was asked to write a little summary of what it was like to be a “newbie” on the Montana trip this summer. First, let me start by saying that not only was I a “newbie” for the club trip, but I had never been to Montana...ever.

I spent five days in some of the most beautiful scenery that you could ever imagine. My camera SD card was full when I returned, and I am still downloading photographs that I cannot believe I actually composed.

The Slash-E Ranch was very nice, and the location was perfect for any trips into Yellowstone Park or any of the countless other streams that are accessible.

I spent the bulk of my time with my “car buddy,” Peter Albertson, who made every effort to make sure that I knew where we were going each day, and how to get there. I want to thank Peter for being such a great friend and guide.

Peter and I had the honor of being able to spend a day fishing with Bob Jacklin, the owner of Jacklin’s Fly Shop in West Yellowstone. Not only did Bob take us places that I doubt I could ever find again, but he also would explain the history of where we were going and how special these “secret spots” were to him. I caught a lot of fish that day, but being able to catch brook trout, rainbow trout, brown trout and grayling all in one day would be special to any fishing fanatic. I am truly indebted to Bob Jacklin.

I spent another day fishing with Al Haxton and his fiancé, Tina, and Larry Poole and MaryAnn Placido. We traveled to the east side of the park to fish the Lamar Valley and a creek called Soda Butte, which is famous for cutthroat trout. I caught a lot of fish that day with the highlight being an 18-inch cutt, and two fish at once on a two fly rig! Yes, folks, I have a picture to prove it!

We topped the day off with dinner at Roosevelt Lodge, a great place to stay on the east side of the park.

I have to say that I caught fish in every stream that we fished. It was amazing to me the numbers of nice fish that

were willing to take a fly. The people, the lodging, the scenery and, most important, the fishing are what make this trip one that I hope I get to make again and again!

I loved it!!



Another magic moment in Montana: a relatively rare kind of double as one fish took a high-floating dry and another took the trailing nymph.

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The Hackleman and guide Mike Loebel.

My feelings stem mostly from the fact that this country has such places. That these places are set aside for our recreation and relaxation is a wonder to me. Nowhere within the Yellowstone area will we find an expressway, an oil or gas well, a hunter or trapper. We may encounter truly wild beasts, but all of the beasts I have seen during my

visits choose to ignore humans

and live their lives as they are meant to. So while I may have to move out of the way so the bison can walk through the river, it seems a small price to pay for the opportunity of seeing such a beast.

Yellowstone Park also fills me with feelings of good fortune. That I can visit this area for what is truly a pittance, and enjoy the visit with good friends and soon-to-be friends, just adds to my fun. Being a member of the Michigan Fly Fishing Club makes this trip possible. That our long term member, Phil Heck, discovered the Slash-E Ranch where we stay, and put this trip together as a club event truly adds to the good fortune of all members of our club.

Another year’s visit to Yellowstone is behind me. When sitting in the Bozeman airport for our return trip a comment was made, “Well, it’s only 358 days until we can do this again.” I, for one, am counting the days.

MFFC Board Meeting Minutes May 14, 2008

Present: P. Brazzil, C. Center, E. Center, S. Freeburg, K. Lipp, J. Long, J. Parker, J. Sprys, T. Schotts

Visitors: Peter Albertson, Al Bullock, Fred Field, Ray Geitka, Howard Geller, Bruce Kramer, Jeff McGowan, Eric Zadorecky

Prior to the meeting being called to order, Ray Geitka passed around Mystic rods. The rods are not sold in retail stores as yet. It was suggested that the sample rods and price list be brought to the next Club meeting, and that information to be sent to Dan Finstad for possible raffle purchase.

VP Brazzil called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

Minutes of the April 9, 2008 Board meeting were reviewed. Motion to accept the minutes as amended made by J. Parker, seconded by E. Center. Motion carried.

Officer Reports

President: J. Sprys announced that he turned his keys over to the newly elected President and Vice President, and expressed his thanks and appreciation for the support he received during his presidency.

Treasurer: S. Freeburg distributed his Treasurer's Report as of May 12, 2008. Motion to accept the report as presented made by K. Lipp, seconded by J. Sprys. Motion carried.

Corresponding Secretary: T. Schotts announced that he is in the final stages of arranging for Oscar Feliu's day of tying (full attendance and waiting list), and banquet entertainment. The transition of responsibility to Bruce Kramer is going well, speakers are being booked for the coming months, and the goal to keep 10% under budget will be met. The Board thanked Todd for a job well done.

Membership: E. Center reported 346 paid members.

Events and Outings

Tollgate: J. Parker reported Tollgate refunded the deposit for the school that has moved to Multi-Lakes Conservation Club.

Boy Scout School: Bruce Kramer announced that a great time was had by all, and that he came in substantially under the budget. The Board was especially pleased by the photo coverage of the event by the Oakland Press and the accompanying press release written by Mike Matuszewski. The 2009 school is planned for April 18.

Public School: Peter Albertson made the recommendation that the school, planned for June 14, 2008 at Multi-Lakes, be cancelled this year due to lack of response. He offered to chair the event in 2009 and to look at new approaches to advertising, dates, and target pupils.

Youth School: J. Parker expressed his thanks and praise for the volunteers who stepped up and took over after he became ill and had to leave, giving special mention to Howard Geller, Dale Ross, and Terry Herron for their dedication in teaching the 27 students. He reported that it turned out to be an amazing day that came in under budget, and that A.L. (Kamon) Bulszewicz agreed to co-chair the school in 2009.

Trout Tune-up and Opener at the Rayburn: S. Freeburg reported both events were a success.

2009 Expo: J. Sprys announced that the dates for 2009 are March 6 -7, and have been confirmed with Macomb Community College and the Holiday Inn.

Dick Schott New Member Outing: Fred Field congratulated J. Parker for doing a great job for the 12 new members and 8 veterans who attended.

Smallmouth Outing: T. Schotts reported 10 have registered for the outing, and great fishing is expected May 30 – June 1, 2008.

Fall Steelhead Outing/Tune-up: Eric Zadorecky asked permission of the Board to plan a fall steelhead outing and perhaps a local steelhead tune-up. The Board thought this was an excellent idea.

MFFC Picnic: J. Parker reminded the Board that the picnic is August 3, 2008 at Multi-Lakes. B. Kramer said that a mass email could be sent out to advertise the family event.

Calendar of Events: S. Freeburg asked the Board to start thinking about the 2008-2009 calendar, and who would be responsible to assemble the information. P. Brazzil said he was on it.

New Business

Anglers Legacy: Fred Field distributed information about the group, and their goal to promote the fishing industry by each angler pledging to take one person fishing. Since the actual pledge form was not included in the information on hand, the matter was tabled until September.

Pere Marquette River Lodge River Restoration Project: S. Freeburg and E. Center, representing the Conservation Committee, distributed information and funds request for the Conservation Resource Alliance to purchase materials for streambank repairs on June 14 and 15, 2008, in partnership with the lodge, Boy Scouts of America, and many other sponsors.

Special Grants: A motion was made by J. Sprys, seconded by T. Schotts, that the followings special grants be given: \$800 to Reeling & Healing, Inc.; \$300 to Reeling & Healing – Midwest (this organization was given \$500 earlier in the Club year); \$1,200 to Conservation Resource Alliance for the Pere Marquette River Lodge River Restoration Project. Motion carried.

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Pennsylvania calls: While some headed west, others went east

by Bob Jurczynsyn

Did you ever ask yourself what made a good fishing trip? Was it the number of fish caught, the size of the fish, the scenery, the camaraderie, the solitude, the destination, or perhaps all of the above?

Let's see how the following scenario comes close to meeting the questions above.

Eight years ago, Tom Hollman, who was raised near Indiana, PA, twisted the arms of Alan Amendt, Chuck Chandler and me to take a trip to Pennsylvania to Fisherman's Paradise on Spring Creek, Joe Humphreys 'home waters. It had obtained local legendary status in the 1930s as the place to fish for big trout. Locals would form a 100-person line to get permission to fish this area and were limited to five fishing days per year. The hatchery at Fisherman's Paradise raises brown, rainbow and palomino trout for stocking state streams. The palomino trout is a hybrid of golden and rainbow trout.

Spring Creek may be best known for its wild brown trout population. According to Penn State studies, the 22 miles of the creek support 163 pounds of adult trout per acre, making it possibly the state's top trout stream.

Spring Creek is a classic riffle/pool/riffle gravel-bottom fishery that hasn't been stocked since the mid-50s, after the stream had been poisoned by a chemical spill upstream. Now it hosts only wild fish and is a catch-and-release fishery with many easy access sites. Spring Creek is known for its sulphur, blue-winged olive, midge, and trico hatches and also has a great number of cress bugs.

This year we fished the evening sulphur hatch and were pleased to catch some nice (10-14") brown trout. An unexpected "hatch" occurred during our walk back to the car when Tom noticed a monster black bear

peaking at us from behind a large tree trunk located 10 feet from the gravel road we were walking and on a 10-foot bluff overlooking the road.

When you see a head (about 15 inches wide) and a butt section of the bear sticking out from behind a three-foot-wide tree trunk, you remember how low you are on the food chain.

Later Tom casually told me that he kept glancing behind us to see if the bear was following us. Fortunately the bear, after standing up next to the trunk, decided that we weren't worth the effort and also, fortunately for us, we weren't between a she bear and her cubs.

Spring Creek is about 30 minutes from the B&B (The Feathered Hook) in Coburn where we stay.

It's neat staying at a B&B that has a total fishing décor and is 100 feet from Penn's Creek and 100 yards from where Elk and Pine Creek join and flow into Penn's Creek. Coburn is 30-45 minutes away from Spring Creek, Spruce Creek (much of this is private land), the Little Juniata, Fishing Creek, Honey Creek and several mountain freestone streams that are homes for small brookies.

Other than the small brookies found on the mountain streams, we have yet to catch any fish smaller than 10 inches on the main streams in the area.

Spring Creek, the Little Juniata and Fishing Creek hosted the World Youth Fly Fishing Championships in 2007 (the U.S. team placed 4th of the nine countries represented, while France won the championship).

All of this exists in the vicinity of State College, the home of Penn State University and the surrounding "Happy Valley." By the way, Happy Valley is one lovely scenic area.

Coburn is a sleepy village (with turn of the century wood homes) on Penn's Creek that was the destination for a tourist train route that was discontinued in the 1970s. The only business in Coburn is the fly shop located in the B&B.

It's neat to sit on the front porch of the B&B, sipping a cold one after a full day of fishing and having Amish buggies roll by along with throwback muscle cars from the 50s and 60s. While having our morning coffee, we can check out the fish action from the bridge over Penn's Creek, watch the school bus picking up kids in front of the B&B, and hear a rooster crow from the small farm behind the B&B.

Three miles north is Millheim, which features one stop light, a micro-brewery (good food and brew at reasonable prices), a pizza store and one local bar.

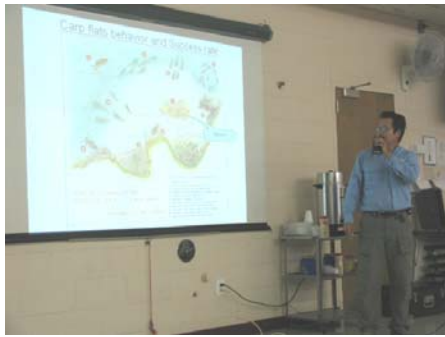
Another plus is to share the B&B with fly fishermen (and women) from D.C., Ohio, Illinois and Massachusetts. During our last trip another guest was Jeff Wagner, the cane rod maker who made the rod auctioned at the Mason-Griffith Chapter TU raffle in 2007.

Penn's is famous for the green drake hatch (usually in the first couple weeks of June). This large mayfly (similar in size to our Hex) attracts the same type of passionate following as the hex hatch attracts in Michigan. This occurs just as the sulfur hatch starts to slow down. Most fishermen carry "coffin fly" spinners (size 6-8, cream body, with poly spent wings). They fish them beginning at dusk and into the night.

In eight years of fishing the week after Memorial Day, we only have been there one time during the peak of the hatch, but it was awesome. It's the first time that I had flies in my glasses, ears and in every opening of my shirt. It sure brings out the big fish, but also adds frustration trying to get a hook-up when so many spinners are on the water at the same time.

Earlier I mentioned that we never seem to catch fish smaller than 10 inches. What is the likelihood that we will catch that monster fish? Well, they are there, if you can catch them.

Joe Humphreys caught his 1977 state-record (15 pounds) brown trout from Fishing Creek in 1981.



Curious about where carp hang and feed? Barney Wong used a visual aid developed by none other than Dave Whitlock.

Barney Wong answers the question: Why fly fish for carp?

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He tempted club members with a number of video clips shot while he and son Cozzy pursued and brought to hand a number of big Traverse Bay specimens.

Where to go? Grand Traverse Bay is one of Wong's favorite carp fishing destinations. Saginaw Bay and Eagle Bay also finished high on his list, as did the Huron River near Dexter and Ann Arbor. Carp, he said, also sometimes pool up at the bottom of dams.

If you're thinking of giving it a try, he

recommended starting with your basic steelhead gear – a six-to-eight weight rod armed with a weight-forward floating line. He also recommended 10-to-12 feet of 10-pound fluorocarbon tippet. It is more resistant to abrasion, he explained.

If carp are omnivorous, what flies should the intrepid fly angler use? According to Wong, carp have a weakness for mulberries, which mature and begin dropping from mulberry bushes and trees in late June and early July. To properly fish the "mulberry fly," you'll want to try to get the right "plop factor." A tuck cast to achieve an ideal vertical descent is advised.

If you're fishing a river, dead drifts on the surface and below the surface are recommended. On the flats, you'll want to scoot the fly in front of your prey with short strips. If fishing below a dam, you'll want to try swinging your fly, he advised.

In the end, carp, he said, can be a remarkable test of the fly angler's skills. Because sight-fishing is so important, fly fishing for carp tests the angler's spatial and anticipatory skills, one's ability to stealthily pursue the fish and present one's offering and, most importantly, one's ability to fight and land big, powerful fish.



Cleaning up the river

Jan Matuszewski, Al Haxton, Tina Emenheiser and Bill Shannon were among the MFFC members participating in the annual Anglers of the AuSable river clean-up. Other members assisting included Fran Hocking, Colleen Jenkins, John Lindsay, Mike Matuszewski, Art Mikkola, Mike Moreau, Mark Rais and Joe Reed. Jim Schrot was below Mio assisting with the Big Water Preservation Association effort on that stretch.



This month's featured tier? It's Al "Sleepy" Bullock, pictured here at a GLC-FFF Tying Expo.

October's offering: Steelhead, "Sleepy" and Crazy Cleatus

by Todd A. Schotts

What do steelhead, "Sleepy" and Crazy Cleatus have in common? They are all on October's agenda. Michigan chromers are usually beginning their fall migratory run; Al "Sleepy" Bullock is our featured tier and the Crazy Cleatus will be one of the patterns he will demonstrate.

Our featured tier resides "part-time" in Allen Park and has hopes of Grayling becoming his permanent, full-time residence when he retires. This, by the sound of things, may not be too far off in his future.

Crazy Cleatus

Hook: TMC 7999, Size 6 or 8

Thread: Black

Tag: Holographic Gold Tinsel, Small

Rib: Holographic Gold Tinsel, Small

Body: Dubbing, Bright Blend Burgundy

Hackle: Barred Chukar Soft Hackle

The Alexander

Hook: TMC 7999, 6 & 8

Thread: Black

Tail: Goose Shoulder Red, 6-8 fibers

Body: Medium Flat Silver Tinsel

Rib: Small Silver Oval Tinsel

Wing: Red Goose Shoulder Slips

October 11 fundraiser planned to assist Ed Walicki

As many troutbums already know, internationally renowned carver Ed Walicki is has been engaged in a long, uphill struggle with cancer. Members of the fly fishing community are coming together in an attempt to raise some money help him and his wife deal with their mounting medical expenses.

The fundraiser, which will encompass a BYOB cocktail hour, a dinner, an auction and entertainment, is scheduled for Saturday, October 11, at the Rayburn Lodge. It is scheduled to begin at 4:30 p.m. The cost is \$50 per person. RSVP to MFFC members Phil and Debbie Heck, who are donating the dinner, at 248-8878-1458 or heckheck@aol.com by October 6.

According to event organizers, "Every penny raised will go directly to the Walicki family to help with their mounting medical bills. The use of the Rayburn Lodge was donated by the Bell Family. All auction items have also been donated by friends and fellow colleagues. Ed has ALWAYS been there for every cause and gave generously to the resource and the community. The fly fishing family continues to support one of their own. **BE THERE – DONATE – GIVE.** This could be anyone of us in Ed's shoes."

To reserve your spot, please make your check payable to: "Walicki." Include your name, address, phone, email address and how many people we be attending. Mail to Phil Heck, 200 Clyde Rd., Highland, MI, 48357. If you are unable to attend and would like to contribute, send your contribution to Ed and Kirsten Walicki, 3827 Grove Rd., Grayling, MI, 49738.

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Brighton Rec and Roll: VP Brazzil reported that A.L. Bulszewicz asked the Club to consider renting a booth and making a presence at the June 21 – 22, 2008 event.

Michigan Outdoors: The Board agreed that the segment filmed at the Expo and televised on May 8 did a great job of publicizing the show, and that is scheduled to be rerun prior to the Expo next year. To show our appreciation, T. Schotts sent filled MFFC fly boxes to the cameraman, David Kenyon, as well as Paul Rose and Carol Rose for which they have expressed thanks.

Special Committee Report: Huge thanks were given to Mike Matuszewski, Chair, as well as Peter Albertson, Howard Geller, Al Haxton, and Scott Freeburg for their report and recommendations for future elections.

Since the committee found areas of the MFFC Constitution and Bylaws vague in certain areas, J. Sprys made a motion, seconded by K. Lipp, that constitutional changes be prepared to implement the recommendations of the Special Committee, and that any other changes deemed necessary, be prepared at the same time. Motion carried. It was announced that Mike Matuszewski volunteered to chair a committee to prepare changes to the MFFC Constitution and Bylaws.

Audit of MFFC Financial Records: J. Parker made a motion to have an independent audit of the financial records of the Club. Since the motion was not seconded, discussion was unnecessary.

However, C. Center, as a member of the internal committee that examined the records of the prior fiscal year, reminded Jeff and the Board that, to

quote the report, "generally the records are exceedingly well maintained and organized. Nothing raises concern for potential improprieties." She also explained to that, with 30 years experience working for certified public accountants, what was being asked for was exorbitantly expensive and unnecessary.

Old Business

MUCC Affiliation: In July 2007, MUCC Membership Services offered the option that renewal notices and invoices be mailed directly to members of affiliated clubs. The Board considered the advantages and disadvantages of this proposal, and found more questions than answers.

After MUCC Executive Director, Dennis Muchmore, spoke to the MFFC in February, several Board members wrote to him with questions about the proposed billing change.

VP Brazzil distributed copies of Mr. Muchmore's response dated May 1, 2008. Since the desire of the Board is for the Club to continue affiliation with MUCC, but not comfortable with the outlined billing changes suggested, the decision was made to continue the present procedure until a change is mandated by MUCC.

Website: Eric Zadorecky asked for a notarized letter from the President in order to register the domain name for the reconstructed website. He brought his laptop and showed the Board the new layout, asked for pictures of all aspects of Club life, and all calendars as they become available.

The Board was impressed with the work done so far, as well as his plans for separate pages for each event, and other innovative ideas.

Motion to adjourn made by J. Sprys at 10:10 p.m., seconded by J. Long.

Recapping 2008's Family Day Picnic

By Jeff Parker

Another successful Family Day Picnic has come and gone. From what I can tell, everyone had a great time! We were blessed with picture perfect weather and I saw an abundance of smiles and heard much laughter.

Dale Ross and I arrived at 2:30 a.m. to start the roaster. Around 4 a.m. Scott Freeburg and Jim Weakland came to help with the loading and cooking of the 165-pound pig. Kevin Lipp arrived well before daybreak to make the cooking team complete. Mike (Cookie) Duchin donated and masterfully prepared boneless beef ribs, chicken, and sausage as well as 25 pounds of the best potato salad and the largest vat of baked beans I have ever had the pleasure of tasting. We also feasted on roasted corn on the cob, some of the best ever to be grown in the state. Grill Master Randy Park arrived early to assist with the grilling, bringing with him his wonderful homemade egg scramble and English muffins for

breakfast along with coffee for the early risers. Jerry Grusendorf came early and brought his granddaughters, Emily and Erin, and they stepped in to help with the duties at hand. Special thanks go to Mary Madion for helping with the prep, set-up and donation of additional prizes for the kids and with coordinating the clean up. Everyone started arriving around 12:30 p.m., bringing with them a variety of wonderful side dishes and desserts. Some came just to see the pig on the roaster but had to leave for other family commitments. Most came with their families, grandchildren and lawn chairs to spend the day.

We had about 120 people this year, down a little from last year but it was a great group, nonetheless. We had a balloon toss that turned into a huge water fight. We had a funny clothes dress-up relay race with prizes all donated by Al & Rob Bulszewicz. Jim Doig's family won that contest. It was worth coming just to see Jim dress up in those clothes! We had a fishpond for the kids; those that caught a fish could pick a prize. We had the first

annual Blind Fly Tying competition, chaired by Past President Howard Geller. All of the highly skilled competitors were supplied the tools, materials and thread needed to tie their fly, and then they were blindfolded and given a time limit for completion. After some serious competition, Eric Zadorecky won the coveted trophy with his masterfully tied Woolly Bugger. This year's "Top Rod" was presented to Ken Hayes after another cast-off between last year's winner, Adam Freeburg, and Ken. I understand that Ken used the "Bow and Arrow Cast" to win the competition. Thanks to Todd Schotts and Scott Freeburg for chairing this event.

It seems that not only has summer once again flown by, but it comes and goes by faster every year. I am already thinking about next year, what will be the sixth annual event. We'll be returning to Multi-Lakes Conservation Club on Sunday, July 26, 2009.

Mark it on your calendar and plan your vacation around it. We want to see you all there.

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