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The North Coast Fly Fishers, Inc is a Charter Club of the Federation of Fly Fishers (FFF). Its purpose is to promote fly-fishing as the most enjoyable and sporting method of fishing. We are committed to provide education in the best practices and techniques of the sport, including fly tying, fly casting and resource conservation. Our members are committed to maintaining a current membership in the FFF.

Favorite Fly Tier - October

The North Coast Fly Fishers "Favorite Fly Tier" for October will be Tim Rohwer

Bring your fly tying vise and join in, all materials will be supplied, as Tim demonstrates his favorite fly.

Next Meeting: Members Meeting

October 7, 2009 at Penitentiary Glen

Ron Dilbone

Ron has been a presenter to our club at Expo, Conclave and meetings. Ron will be presenting his ideas on tying foam flies, primarily for bass and bluegills. He will be also talking about some foam patterns and how you can incorporate the use of deer hair. He is very innovative and imaginative in his design. Ron is a good source of information on warm water fishing.

EXPO 2010

We have a couple requests from our Expo committee:

1. Members are asked to clean out their fishing gear lockers and bring any unwanted items to the next membership meeting. Items received will be forwarded to Expo bargain table. Drop off the items at the check in desk at the meeting October 7.
2. There will also be an Expo display at Mentor, Geneva & Rocky River Libraries for the month of January. These displays will be in a locked up window as you walk inside the Libraries. We would like to have members loan (items will be returned after the display is taken down Jan. 31, 2010) some fishing items, boots, books, poles, flies, etc so that we can set up a great display to show what fly-fishing is about and things we do in the club. This will also give us a chance to put our new brochures to work out in this venue. We will be completing these displays the 2nd of January, so we can advertise for our Expo and also it will be good advertisement for the club. If you have items you would like to loan please bring them to the next few meetings (October, November, and December) and contact Mike Colo (at the raffle table) to loan your items. Please mark them with your name somewhere in a non-viewable place so that we'll know who to return them to in January.

September Meeting Pictures:



Jim Gavacs – Favorite Fly tier

George Vosmik's Flies for Great Northern Pike



If you missed George's presentation, you missed a great one. The pictures and slide show of these monster fish was amazing!





Rocky Mountain National Park

By Bill King

In June of 1998 I started working for a company called Essential Research, Inc. My first business trip with them was to a conference that fall sponsored by the National Renewable Energy Laboratory (NREL) in Golden, Colorado. The meeting was held in Denver at a downtown hotel near the Denver Mint. The meeting started on a Monday, but I arranged to fly out Saturday morning instead of Sunday to save on airfare.

Alex Williamson, my son's (Bill Jr.) undergraduate college roommate at the University of Dayton was working for Hewlett Packard and living in Fort Collins, Colorado. Fort Collins is only 55 miles due north of Denver. At the time Bill Jr. was doing postgraduate work at Stanford, in Palo Alto, California. He had received his Master's degree in June of 1998 and had elected to stay on for his PhD. I wanted to take this opportunity to go fly fishing in Rocky Mountain National Park (RMNP) but my wife, Paula, would only agree to this expedition under the condition that I take someone with me. Since I had never been there before, this seemed a prudent thing for me to do. So I called Alex and he immediately agreed to accompany me on that Sunday. I called ahead to a local fishing store and they encouraged me to come. Alex and I were to meet at 10:00AM at the "Estes Angler", the fly fishing store in Estes Park, Colorado. Estes Park, elevation 7,500 feet, is the city at the main entrance to RMNP. It is about 64 miles northwest of Denver and 30 miles southwest of Fort Collins.

I was so excited for my fishing expedition; I made sure I was on time to meet Alex. I walked into the fishing store and to my absolute astonishment Bill was in the store with Alex. Bill

had flown in from San Francisco the day before and had stayed at Alex's house the previous night. Bill and I hugged each other with tears in our eyes. I was not expecting to see Bill until three months later at Christmas, so it was a little emotional for me. I cherish all father-son time that we spend together.

"I wanted to surprise you, Dad," he explained.

"Boy you sure did," I replied.

After greeting Alex and recovering from my heartwarming reception, I asked the store manager for a few suggestions and directions to a good fly-fishing spot.

"How much physical exercise are you boys willing to experience to get to the fishing spot?" he asked.

"We are all in pretty good shape," I said.

"How much time do you have?" he asked.

"All day, but today only, I have to drive to Denver tonight," I replied.

"What do you want to catch?" he asked.

"Cutthroat trout," I quickly responded.

"Then you should go to Sky Pond," he replied. "You can get directions from the rangers at the visitors' center."

"Thank you very much," I said.

Before we left the store, I looked it over for anything that we might need, purchased a few items, and then headed out to the park entrance. When we arrived at the park's visitors' center I bought a good topographical map of the park. Like all adventurous fisherman, I keep a high quality compass in my fishing vest at all times. Having taught orienteering to the Boy Scouts on Bill's camping trips, I was confident in my skill to help us find the way to Sky Pond. After all, the ranger said the trail was marked, so navigating a drive to the trailhead and hiking to Sky Pond didn't appear to be all that difficult.

Perfect conditions awaited us. The sun was shining, the sky was blue, and the temperature appeared to be about 50°F while the weather forecast for that day was for mild temperatures and clear skies. This was important as the weather is notoriously changeable in RMNP and it had recently snowed. Amazingly, it can snow any day of the year in the park! We drove from the visitor's center to Bear Lake, elevation 9,500 feet, where we parked the car. We then hiked about four miles to Sky Pond (elevation 10,850 feet) using my compass and the 'topo' map I had purchased. There was a rugged path apparently dubbed a trail so with the combination of the trail markers, "topo" characteristics, and a compass heading we had enough to make the hike without a problem. This distance took us 2½ hours. The views of the

mountains on the trail were breathtaking. We had to pass by a 25-foot high thunderous waterfall that cascaded down with such volume that you knew it was birthed from the sun shining on high mountain snowfields. The entire trail was steep. Some of the trail was alongside a very steep mountainside and some of it was in the water channel and valley formed by the outlet of the lake. I could tell from hiking up the mountain that the air was thinner than I was use to. In front of us was a mountain called the Shark's Tooth. Its elevation is 12,680 feet. To the right of us was Tyndall Glacier and to the left of us was Taylor Glacier whose melt ran into a creek that fed Sky Pond. (N 40 16.624 W 105 40.206) Seeing glaciers this close made us feel like we were in the presence of one of God's creations. The lake was just at the elevation of the tree line at that latitude. It looked to be about 10 acres in size.

When we arrived at the lake we ate the lunch we had brought. Having approached Sky Pond from the direction of the outlet stream, we then had to circle the lake until we came to the creek that fed it. Providence had smiled upon us as we gazed on about a dozen cutthroat trout just inside the stream mouth waiting for insects that the stream would deliver to them. There was snow on the ground in the shadows. It had already snowed at this elevation even though it was the middle of October. The lake had some ice on it near the inlet, however it was thin and did not cover more than a small portion of the lake.

I put on my fishing waders and vest that I had carried up in my backpack. I brought a four-weight seven-piece travel rod with a matching reel with me. I assembled the rod and reel and looked around for any flies that might be in the air to know what I should fish with. I didn't immediately see any, but the trout seemed to be taking small gray flies off the surface. I knelt down in the snow so as not to be seen by the trout and floated a small dry Adams over them. I tried this several times with no effect.

"What else should I do?" I asked Bill.

"Why don't you try wiggling the fly a little on the surface film? Move them sort of like the real ones are moving?" he replied.

I turned to Bill and asked, "Like this?" as I put several small twitches on the line, causing the fly to skitter across the surface.

A fifteen-inch cutthroat hit the fly while I wasn't looking. Instinctively, I set the hook by feel. After he felt my line he ran out into the lake. I played him carefully so as not to disturb the other fish. When I landed him, he was beautifully marked with a reddish orange gash under his mouth. I had caught my first cutthroat trout! I couldn't resist the photo op with my first catch, and after taking his picture, I quickly released him. I then caught another one with the same method. This time the struggle spooked the other fish and they swam out into the lake. The lake was crystal clear so visibility was no problem. We stood on a large boulder near the inlet stream and cast to them in the lake with no further strikes of any kind. Unfortunately, the fish had been spooked and were now very wary.

The cutthroat trout is a beautiful specimen. It is silvery, brassy, and black-spotted with an almost fluorescent red color at the gill covers (which looks like the throat area) hence the common name.

After an hour or so with no further luck, we had to leave Sky Pond to be back at the car before dark. None of us wanted to be on a dangerously steep mountain trail in the dark and it was a 2½-hour hike. As we were leaving the pond, I had to cross the inlet stream and misjudged the depth of it because the water was so crystal clear. I fell completely forward into the near freezing water. I quickly recovered but all my clothes were wet. Fortunately for my internal body temperature, the air temperature was still above freezing, but the shadows were beginning to lengthen and ominously we could tell that the temperature was rapidly falling. In order to avoid hypothermia on the way down the mountain, Bill immediately had me undress and Alex and Bill each gave me one or two pieces of their dry clothes. This worked to keep me warm during the descent to the Bear Lake parking lot.

That evening I took Bill and Alex to a good Italian restaurant before leaving them at Alex's car. It was a big surprise to see Bill and a really great fishing day. It was tough saying goodbye to Bill after only spending a few hours with him, but those few hours I will cherish forever. I had a high altitude adventure with my son and I had caught my first (and second) cutthroat trout.

Catching (and releasing) a cutthroat trout was very important to me. Before the "white man" came to what we now call "The West", the habitat of the cutthroat was vast, extending to all of Wyoming, Colorado, and eastern Montana throughout the entire Yellowstone River drainage, up to the Missouri River. Apparently, the Missouri was too muddy for the species. In the 1880s brook trout and brown trout were introduced from the East into most of these areas and they drove out all the cutthroat trout. The habitat of the cutthroat trout is now very limited. So catching one is a very special event. I hope that more of their habitat can be restored to them in the future. They are a very beautiful fish and should be more widely available for more fishermen to enjoy. Although, given their rarity, I am happy to have some bragging rights that I caught a cutthroat.

PA Fish & Boat Commission is planning on Stocking Lake-run Brown Trout in Erie Tributaries.

We may start seeing some of these wayward brutes start to migrate up some of our tribs in the future.

Meadville, PA – The PFBC will be stocking brown trout into the tributaries of Lake Erie beginning as soon as Sept. 29, 2009. These 7-inch long trout will be fin clipped for identification purposes before being stocked the next day. Planned stocking locations are Trout Run, Presque Isle Bay, Crooked Creek, Godfrey Run and Orchard Beach Creek. All tributary stockings will be done as close to the mouths of each stream as possible as long as there is adequate water flow. If stream flow is low, the fish will be stocked directly into the lake near the stream mouth.

“The goal of this program is to emulate the brown trout program on Lake Ontario, but on a smaller scale,” said Lake Erie Fisheries Biologist Chuck Murray. “The intention of this effort is to add some diversity to the tributary fishery, create a near shore springtime fishery and enhance the offshore summer boat fishery. These brown trout stockings will supplant the surplus steelhead stocked since the elimination of the Coho program in 2003. The program was started through the gracious donation of 100,000 certified disease free eggs provided by the New York Department of Environmental Conservation. As the program evolves, the PFBC will develop self sustaining Lake Erie brown trout brood program at their hatcheries.”

Murray also added “this will be a cooperative venture between the PFBC and local cooperative sportsman’s nurseries. In addition to the thousands of brown trout to be stocked by the PFBC, approximately 35,000 additional brown trout were already stocked earlier this year by 3-CU and the Wesleyville Conservation Club with the assistance of the PFBC Cooperative Nursery Unit. The success of the program will be monitored through creel surveys and existing assessment programs over the next several years. Brown trout stocking will be about 50,000-100,000 annually, representing about 5-10% of the steelhead stocking levels.”

The mission of the Fish and Boat Commission is to protect, conserve, and enhance the Commonwealth’s aquatic resources and provide fishing and boating opportunities. For more information about fishing and boating in Pennsylvania, please visit our website at www.fishandboat.com.

The following is an excerpt from the current Royal Gorge Anglers, Canon City, CO Newsletter by Bill Edrington.

Hello Everyone,

It has been another beautiful early fall week in Southern Colorado. The high country is bristling in gold and the lower elevation cottonwoods along the river are starting to join the in the dance as well. As soon as the oak brush turns red, we'll have the whole shebang. Brown Trout are putting on the feedbag in a big way preparing for the spawning season, which should start very

soon on the South Platte and on the Arkansas around the middle of October. Actually, fish may be a little ahead of schedule on the Arkansas right now because the males we are landing are showing a bit of bottom lip and their colors are vibrant. They are also beginning to get into "chase mode" as well. I took a couple of nice males on a small streamer two nights ago in the rain by stripping it back up the shoreline towards me. Nonetheless, now is a great time to get out and enjoy the Rocky Mountains. This is the time of year when they truly strut their stuff.

We went to the Fly Tackle Dealer Show in Denver last weekend. For those of you who don't follow the fly fishing industry, that is the show where dealers see all the new eye candy fishing stuff for the next year. There are generally more new gadgets, widgets, shiny reels and overpriced fly rods there to knock your socks off. Back over 20 years ago when we went to our first show, we truly enjoyed it. You really got to spend time with the folks that made the gear and fondle everything, have a few drinks and make some new friends. Now, in order to really hear about the stuff, you have to make an appointment with a rep or just stumble into a conversation. For about the past 10 years, I have been in the "stumble in" strategy. Actually fly-fishing has turned into a pretty big industry, but I would bet that Halliburton makes more in one day than the entire fly-fishing industry does in one year. However you would never guess that by the seriousness portrayed at these shows. This show used to take up an entire large hall at the Denver Convention Center. This year it was in one of the small ones and they only used half of that. Now, some of that is probably due to the economy, but last year wasn't any better and neither was the year before that. It may just be that the business model of having a big show each year has lost it's luster. Either way, it looked pretty much like a funeral procession had just passed through.

Manufacturers with great gear at blue collar prices did well this year and the hoity-toity of the business, seemed to be all talking to each other during the time I was there. Some folks just don't seem to grasp the idea that the day of the \$800 graphite rod may be over, and rightly so. We haven't had a lot of trouble selling high-end cane rods and \$300 graphite rods, but the plastic on the top shelf is going begging in most places. In my opinion, these manufacturers have been missing the boat for several years now and their arrogance of pushing the price ceiling is coming home to roost. For one, I am glad to see it, but not everyone would agree. There is absolutely no justification for a \$700 pair of waders, an \$800 graphite fly rod, a \$1500 pair of skis or a \$5000 set of golf clubs for that matter. This stuff does not make the fun meter go any higher than a Zebco 202 in the hands of a 8 year old boy when he sticks his first trout on a worm. We all seem to forget that as we get older, and I think we may be better for getting slapped around a little. I think, (and this is not a scientific study by any means) we have seen more folks in the store this year who are really happy about going fishing and forgetting all the politics and crap going on in their daily lives. I have enjoyed that very much and it makes me remember why I went into this business in the first place. To help people have a good time on their day or week off. Fly-fishing is not a competition between you and the fish and the fish don't really care if they are caught on a \$100 rod or a \$1000 rod. They get stuck in the mouth both ways. I took out a little \$50 Eagle Claw fly rod the other night and was amazed at how nicely it fished. As I sat on a rock around 7PM in a light rain, sipping a little of the malt, and

watching fish rise, I remembered how much fun this sport really is. I'll go back to my cane rods, no question, because I have them and I love them. But they are mostly old like me and beg to go fishing. We just all need to act like a kid every now and then and remember what is important in life.....a good family, a few good friends, and old fly rod, and old dog, and a good single malt. New shiny rods and reels pale in comparison.

[Capire et Relinquere,](#)

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Economy Costs the FFF President his Job.

August 17, 2009

While at the Federal of Fly Fishers Conclave in Loveland, Colorado, FFF President and CEO R.P. Van Gytenbeek advised AFFTAs President Gary Berlin that due to the sluggish economy, the FFF Board opted not to renew his contract. This is the official press release.

"The Federation of Fly Fishers Board of Directors regrets that the current weakened economy makes it impossible to extend the contract of its President and CEO. While noting the major strides in organization, membership and communications under R. P. Van Gytenbeek's leadership, the reality of lower donations and poor near term prospects for improvement dictated the decision."

When asked by Berlin whether he was ready to retire to a favorite fishing local, Van opined that he had already flunked retirement twice and hoped to find another challenge with an environmental or fishing organization. Van's resume includes:

In addition to a successful business career, Van Gytenbeek served as Trout Unlimited's first full time Executive director, and was Chairman of The FFF board in the early eighties. He also served on the TU Trout and Salmon Foundation, and the American League of Anglers Boards among a multitude of others. Van was also the creator of Fly Fishing in Saltwaters magazine and served as a State of Washington Fish and Wildlife Commissioner.

Van can be contacted at the FFF headquarters office.

FFF to Eliminate President's Position

By

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In a cost-cutting move, the Federation of Fly Fishers will eliminate the role of president -- currently occupied by [Peter Van Gytenbeek](#) -- after September, according to the *Livingston Enterprise*.

Gytenbeek says the organization will be lucky to break even this year, and [spoke candidly](#) to *Enterprise* reporter Matt Dettori about the future of the organization: "If we manage our money right for the rest of the year, (the FFF) can make their money last,' he said. He doesn't know what will happen to the organization, or what he'll do or where he will go, but the other staff members at the FFF will do a good job, Gytenbeek said."

September, 2009 FFF Newsletter

Special note from Philip Greenlee, the FFF Chairman of the Board

As a member of the Federation of Fly Fishers (FFF), I would like to extend a warm greeting to you, your family and friends. Your membership fee fully supports the Federation's four cornerstones of Conservation, Education, Fly Casting and Fly Tying.

The strength of the Federation comes from its membership. I joined the Federation in 1968 never thinking that someday I would be the Chairman of the Board. My responsibility is to represent the Board by supporting and protecting the core values of the organization. The FFF is like family to some; friendships are made and can last for decades. We do not give flies or hats to entice membership, but encourage fly fishers to join a well-rounded conservation-education organization. We want members to be active and concerned about our fisheries, as well as supporting the art of fly tying and fishing. The Federation is not for everyone, but my heart-felt belief is that most who join are active members long enough to pass down the traditions to family and friends. Personally, I've never met a fly fisherman or woman who didn't have the ability to have fun with the sport, as well as help preserve the goals of the organization - publicly and privately. As an example, one of our members author Rosa Dierks donated ten percent of her royalties from the sale of her book "Trout Fly" to the Federation for conservation. We have other members who support us in unconventional ways.



There are a number of details that, as Chairman of the Board, I would like to share with you. In the spring of 2009, the FFF Headquarters moved to a new location in Livingston, Montana. This

prompted the collection of articles within the Fly Fishing Discovery Center to be relocated to several locations. Some pieces were loaned to Montana State University in Bozeman, Montana, and others have been returned to their original owners. Our new location features and maintains all of the awards along with historical fly plates, art and other memorabilia. If you are in the area, please stop by and spend some time, especially taking advantage of the vast fly-fishing library that was created by FFF members.

Our recent Conclave in Loveland, Colorado, was a success. We had over 59 vendors and in one day 800 people attended. We are now working on the location of the 2010 Conclave and hope to announce the location shortly. Also, the Board of Directors is currently discussing ways to improve participation in our annual event.

For the last several years, a proposal to move the headquarters to Loveland has been on the table. This July at Conclave, the Board of Directors voted not to move to Loveland, but rather stay in Livingston, Montana. Our goal is to improve our relationship with the community of Livingston in the months to come.

The contract of our CEO/President R.P. Van Gytenbeek will end as of September 30, 2009 and will not be renewed. This decision was dictated by the Federation's current financial situation. During this transition period, our staff is very capable of performing their duties.

With decision-making and involvement from a new Board, the financial situation is improving. New financial controls are in place, which are being monitored monthly by a Board financial committee. We now have a great opportunity to create a more stable financial future for the FFF.

To conclude, I want to thank you for your continued support of the FFF and encourage you to contact me with any questions you have. This is an exciting time for the Federation and I anticipate many positive changes in the coming year.

Sincerely,
Phillip Greenlee
Chairman of the Board

FFF Sweepstakes - Five River Lodge - MT

Here's a chance to win a great 4 day, 5 night trip (for 2!!) at the Five Rivers Lodge located in Dillon, MT. Five Rivers Lodge is located in beautiful southwest Montana. Guests of the Lodge will enjoy miles of wading access on spring creeks, several private ponds, the Ruby, the Beaverhead and the Big Hole Rivers. Five Rivers Lodge offers some of the finest fishing in the U.S. and scenery is incredible!

The Federation of Fly Fishers is sponsoring this great sweepstakes:

- The trip has a retail value of \$5300 (4 days, 5 nights for 2 at the Five Rivers Lodge)
- The winner will also receive a \$1000 travel stipend.

There will be 15 trip winners in all, one from each FFF Council. The FFF Ohio Council only represents the fly fishers in Ohio. Since the Ohio Council is one of the smaller councils in FFF, so you're odds of winning are better in Ohio versus some of the other larger councils. Winners will also be entered in a drawing for a trip to Cinco Rios Lodge in Chile. In addition, other prizes will be drawn - rods, reels, and other gear! Tickets are only \$20 = 1 ticket or \$100 = 6 tickets.

Even better - join FFF as a new member for only \$35 (one year single membership) and automatically be entered for the drawing. If you are a current FFF member in good standing and recruit a new FFF member, you will receive a ticket as well.

The club is selling tickets for this sweepstakes. You may purchase tickets from the board of directors or ONLINE. They have a nice setup where you can purchase 1 or the 6 tickets online from their website directly. <http://www.fffgear.com/>

Update on the Federation of Fly Fishers (FFF) "Five Rivers Sweepstakes" drawing.

The Five Rivers Sweepstakes has been extended until FFF reaches the 4,000 ticket sold mark. When this target is reached the drawing will take place. The drawing will be held on March 15, 2010. Tickets must be postmarked by February 28th, 2010 to be eligible.



NCCF

Deep Springs Trout Club Outing

SATURDAY

October 3, 2009

Find out why Deep Springs Trout Club was such a great place to be on June 21 last year when eight club members and guests, had an intriguing time catching trout and enjoying a great lunch!!

Everyone agreed the trout were fun to catch and didn't just jump on the fly and some folks said that the Lunch made it an eating club that has trout fishing.

Join us Saturday morning at your leisure, fish till lunch at noon and fish till you drop in the afternoon.

All fish caught must be taken. Fish are paid for by the pound; about \$4.00/pound. You can have them smoked while you are there for a small charge.

The cost is \$45 per person, which includes the daily guest fee and lunch of Smoked Trout Pate appetizer, salad, trout sandwich, and a beverage.

Bring a friend and introduce him or her to the kind of outings NCCF has during the year.

Make checks payable to George Vosmik, our member host, and send it to 21151 Lake Rd. Rocky River, OH, 44116, by September 26 to assure your place.

Recently, the Woods and Waters Club of Northeast Ohio had 40 members enjoy a similar outing. They took several hundred trout home after a great club event.

JOIN THE FUN AND ENJOY THE COMRADRADRY AND FISHING - DON'T FORGET THE LUNCH, IT WILL BE MEMORABLE.

Take route 6 East from 306 about 4 miles and just before Auburn Center road on the South side you will see the Deep Springs Trout Club Sign among the Pine trees.

Turn right into your mountain lake for a great day's fishing and lunch.

PROJECT Healing Waters-FF

The first Project healing waters class was held today at the Wade Park Facility of the Cleveland VA Hospital. We had 6 vets from the SCI (spinal cord injuries) unit tying their first flies. Teaching for the class were the 4 volunteers from North Coast Fly Fishers: Don Van Buren, George Vosmik, Adam Pawlowski and Andy Setlock. Janelle Howard, the therapist in charge of the program was there and another therapist – Jeremy and the department head Martin Kilbane, visited us. Both Marty and Jeremy are fly fishers and Martin is a member of Firelands Fly Fishers.

All in attendance enjoyed the experience and will be back. We have extended the program from 1 hour to two hours and will be meeting on the 2nd and fourth Wednesday of the month from October on. The next meeting is September 23rd. There is interest from other departments such as the BTI (brain trauma department) to send patients to us as well. The Midwest coordinator for PHW sends all a “job well done” note of congratulations.

To continue the program we will need additional volunteers to unburden the present instructors and if the program expands we need to have them as well to keep the personal attention to the vets high and the student/teacher ratio low.

There is also progress in the Cincinnati northern Kentucky program a Mutual Operation agreement has been forwarded to PWH from the Buckeye United fly fishers and the Northern Kentucky group to national. I am sure this program will be starting soon as well.

Progress is being made at the Columbus faculty and more information on that program and the Sandusky program being spearheaded by Firelands will be updated as I get more information.

The proposed outing to Rockwell Springs Trout club by a group of newly retired vets has been tabled for this year and should be rescheduled for spring 2010. I will update this as well.

Starting the program, although long and frustrating, is only the beginning. We need to nurture this and grow this to give help our disabled veterans that have provided us all with a great country. Please consider helping any way you can.

Respectfully submitted,

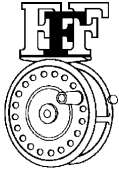
Paul Blanch

North Coast Fly Fishers (NCFF) membership renewals!

Membership for NCFF involves being current with both NCFF and the Federation of Fly Fishers (FFF). Membership renewal history is available at our membership check in desk set up at each of our 10 Members meetings.

Below are some points that have been discussed and agreed upon in principal over the over the last few months.

1. Memberships that are renewed January through August will be for the current year.
2. Memberships that are renewed September through December will be applied to the following year.
3. We will promote membership renewals via our Taut Line Newsletter (TLN), monthly members meetings and through our Electronic messaging program.
4. We will encourage renewals from September through November via items #3 above.
5. In December we will send out a mailing consisting of:
 - a. A letter of encouraging NCFF membership renewal plus a NCFF bill to be paid for renewal.
 - b. A List of our meetings for the entire year, i.e., Members meetings, NCFF Board of Directors (BOD) meetings and any special meetings such as our Fly Tying Marathon and Open House, Picnic and Holiday Buffet. This list will also include the location and time of the meetings.
6. As of January 1st following our December mailing all delinquent memberships, either NCFF or the FFF will be dropped from our NCFF Roster and will no longer receive electronic messages from the club until they renew, etc., etc.



The Federation of Fly Fishers

North Coast Fly Fishers, Inc.



Membership Application

All North Coast Fly Fishers (NCFF) members are required to maintain a current membership in the Federation of Fly Fishers (FFF). The organizations are separate and process renewals independently (NCFF on a calendar year basis and FFF based on initial membership date), but initial applications are processed through NCFF at the address below.

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone _____ E-mail _____

FFF Membership Number _____

(leave blank if you are a new member)

Club Affiliation – K99446 North Coast Fly Fishers

North Coast Fly Fishers

- Individual -- \$20
- Individual 3 year -- \$50
- Family/Couple -- \$35
- Family 3 year -- \$85
- Youth (under 18, provide birth date) -- FREE
- Disabled Veteran (Provide copy of proof of disability) -- FREE

Federation of Fly Fishers

- Individual -- \$35
- Individual 3 year -- \$85
- Senior (65 or over, provide birth date) -- \$25
- Family (includes spouse & children under 18) -- \$45
- Family 3 year -- \$100
- Youth (under 18, provide proof of age) -- \$15
- Disabled Veteran (Provide copy of proof of disability) -- FREE
- Individual Life (payment plans available, provide birth date) -- \$500
- Couple Life (husband & wife, provide birth dates)-- \$750

Payment

Please make one check for the total amount payable to North Coast Fly Fishers and mail to:

North Coast Fly Fishers, Attn: Membership
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Schedule of Upcoming Events

October 7, 2009	Members Meeting	Penitentiary Glen 6:30 – 10:00 p.m.
October 14, 2009	Board of Directors Meeting	Penitentiary Glen 7:00 – 9:00 p.m.
November 4	Members Meeting	Lake Farmpark <i>6:30-10:00 pm</i>
November 11	Board of Directors	Penitentiary Glen 7:00 – 9:00 p.m.
December 2	Members/Buffer	St.John Vianney Church 5:30-10:00 pm
December 9	Board of Directors	Penitentiary Glen 7:00 – 9:00 p.m.
January 6	Members Meeting	Lake Farmpark <i>6:30-10:00 pm</i>
January 13	Board of Directors	Penitentiary Glen 7:00 – 9:00 p.m.
<i>January 16</i>	<i>NCFE Expo 2009</i>	<i>Lakeland CC</i> <i>9:00 am-5:00 pm</i>