FLY FISHING SCHOOL & FAIR
JUNE 16-18, 2017

R.A. MacMullan Conference Center located on Higgins Lake in Roscommon MI
Lodging available

- Beginning Fly Fishing School • Fly Tying Workshops
- On-stream Workshop • Aquatic Biology for the Fly Fisher
- How to Catch Lunker Smallmouth on the Fly

Live Auction
Raffle and Awards

Complete details and registration inside
President’s Column

Dennis O’Brien

This issue contains the information for our GLC Fly Fishing School and fair held at the Ralph MacMullen Center on North Higgins Lake. This is a great event for the whole family and I urge everyone to consider attending. This event has something for everyone. Please make copies of the registration material and sweepstakes tickets and share with other fly fishers or have them visit our website where this material is available for download.

On Sat afternoon at the Fly Fishing School we will have our Annual General Membership Meeting, where we will be electing your directors for a two-year term. The Annual Board of Directors Meeting will be held Sunday morning. We encourage you all to attend these meetings and see how your board works for you. We are constantly looking for more director and officers so if you are interested, please contact me. We are looking to fill several positions, including 3, or 4 education committee members, a PR person, and we desperately need an IT person.

If interested please contact me, Dennis O’Brien at dennisueob@aol.com or 989-277-2068.

I want to remind everyone of consider joining or renewing your membership in the Century Club for 2017. A special thanks to those who joined or renewed this year.

This is also a special year in that there is also an election and the national level. We have several members who hold national jobs, or director’s positions. These will be up for election. Please vote when your ballet comes to you. Hope to see you at the GLC Fly Fishing School and Fair.

Dennis O’Brien
President

Notice of Proposed Amendment

To the Articles of Incorporation of the Great Lakes Council of the International Federation of Fly Fishers, Inc.

Notice is hereby given that the following draft of proposed amendment to the Articles of Incorporation of the Great Lakes Council of the International Federation of Fly Fishers, Inc. will be brought before the General Membership of the Great Lakes Council of the International Federation of Fly Fishers, Inc. for approval at the June 17, 2017 General Membership Meeting.

Proposed Amendment:
Current Name:

The Great Lakes Council of the International Federation of Fly Fishers, Inc.

Proposed change to Name:
The Great Lakes Council of Fly Fishers International, Inc.

Fly Fishers International
The following provides an update on GLC conservation issues since the last Flyline in February.

**Nestle Waters Water Withdrawal Proposal**

The Great Lakes Council wrote a letter to the MDEQ strongly urging that the agency deny Nestle Waters request to increase groundwater withdrawal at the corporation’s White Pine Springs site in Osceola County. The Nestle proposal would increase groundwater withdrawal over 160%, from 150 gallons per minute to 400 gallons per minute.

This new attempt by Nestle to pump more groundwater represents one more assault on Michigan’s greatest natural resource, its fresh water. The long term implications of these water withdrawals on Michigan’s aquifers are largely unknown and continuing to increase these withdrawals without more measured study has the potential to irreparably damage our streams and the fisheries they support.

Nestles’ proposal failed to meet standards established by the DEQ’s own Water Withdrawal Assessment Tool models. Yet, at Nestlé’s request, the DEQ conducted a state specific review, considered data provided by Nestle and concluded with a recommendation to move this project ahead. The GLC recommended that the data should be reviewed by independent hydrologists before any final decision is made.

**Little Manistee Weir Proposal**

As previously reported, The GLC recently took a strong stand against a U.S. Forest Service proposal to grant a permit requested by the Little River Band of the Ottawa Indians to install an anchoring system in the Manistee River which would have been used to anchor a temporary resistance board weir across the river. This aluminum weir would have spanned the Big Manistee providing only a narrow passage for water craft and could disrupt the passage of migrating steelhead and other fish. The Little River Band wants the weir to study the impact of Sturgeon restoration efforts.

We are pleased to report that the United States Forest Service has announced that this proposal has been withdrawn for the time being and that the Little River Band has been asked to draft a revised proposal for further consideration. Again, the combined efforts of many conservation groups headed off another threat to one of our great rivers. The GLC Conservation Committee will monitor any future proposals.

**Aquila/Back Forty Mine Comments**

The Great Lakes Council recently sent comments to the Michigan DEQ strongly opposing development of an open pit sulfide ore mine on the banks of the Menominee River in the Upper Peninsula. Known as the Aquila Mine/Back Forty proposal, this mine has the potential to pollute both the Menominee River and Lake Michigan, destroy a pristine fishery, and place Michigan’s citizens at risk.

As of this date, the DEQ has not issued any further decisions on the mine. UPDATE Continued next page
GLC Comments on Second Draft of Resident Trout Management Plan

Through our participation on the MDNR Coldwater Resources Steering Committee, the Council had the opportunity to comment on the second Draft Resident Trout Management Plan being developed by the Fisheries Division. Our comments were also presented at a Cold Water Resource Committee meeting on April 27, 2017.

Since the first draft, the DNR has removed some of the most onerous comments regarding catch and release fishing as recommended by the GLC. Although much improved the comments still include provisions regarding gear restrictions that we have asked be removed or revised. There will be a third draft of the plan that we can comment on one more time before it is finalized.

Arctic Grayling Restoration

On December 6, 2016 the GLC Conservation Committee participated in the second meeting devoted to the restoration of the grayling at the RAM Center in Roscommon. The GLC joins others representing university fisheries researchers, fishing groups, conservation organizations, etc.

The meeting was devoted to planning various aspects of the restoration and discussing potential sites for reintroduction. At this point, it looks like the first reintroduction efforts will be in tributaries to the Manistee River. We plan on being involved in this effort for many years to come.

Conservation Grants at Work

It was previously reported that the GLC Board approved Conservation Grants to support the Au Sable Fish Farm Litigation and a Conservation Resource Alliance project to remove a dam on Syers Lake which feeds Syers Creek, a tributary to the Little Manistee.

We are please to report that both of these projects were approved for additional $1500 grants from the IFF Conservation Committee. If you are aware of a worthwhile Conservation project encourage the sponsors to apply for GLC and IFF grants. Instructions are on the GLC website.

Conservation Committee Members

We are pleased that Wayne Andersen has agreed to join the GLC Conservation Committee. Wayne is Chairman of the Big Sable River Restoration Committee, a Board member with the Pere Marquette Rivershed Council and has long been a conservation leader in Western Michigan. Other members include Jen Kablunde, Terry Lyons, Belinda Friis, Brad Reynolds, John Bebow, Roger Fechner, Jim Schramm, Dennis O’Brien and Dave Peterson. The Committee is always seeking additional members. Please contact Dave Peterson at dpeterson3@charter.net if you are interested or know of any GLC members who might be interested in participating.

Respectfully submitted,

Dave Peterson
Great Lakes Council VP for Conservation
The GLC FLY FISHING SCHOOL & FAIR is held at the R.A. MacMullan Conference Center located on the north side of Higgins Lake near Roscommon and Grayling, Michigan. Adjacent to the Center is one of Michigan’s most popular parks, N. Higgins Lake State Park.

Educational programs will be offered for aspiring fly anglers as well as those experienced in the sport. Simultaneous programs and workshops for beginners, intermediate and advance anglers will be offered Friday starting at 12:30 p.m. and all-day Saturday. Programs and workshops on casting, warmwater fly fishing, and fly fishing for trout will be on the schedule.

Beginning Fly Fishing School to include on-stream instruction. The instructors are Jen Klabunde and Dorothy Schramm. You will learn about equipment and gear, knots, casting, entomology, fly selection, reading the water, on-stream tactics, and fly fishing etiquette. Saturday will be spent on the river with the instructors. Box lunch is provided. Students will need, all species fishing license, waders, rod, reel and line, nail nippers, and sunglasses. The beginning school starts at 12:30 pm Friday afternoon with classroom instruction and Saturday’s instruction will be on the South Branch of the Au Sable River. Some loaner rod and reel set ups are available. Call Terry Greiner, 517-694-5358 or email tlgreiner@comcast.net to reserve a rod and reel setup.

Fly Tying Workshops will be offered Friday afternoon, Saturday morning and Saturday afternoon. These workshops are for tyers with at least some experience in tying. The instructors will be Harry Barnes, Daryl Crowley and Jim Reed.. On Friday afternoon a workshop with Harry Barnes is being offered starting at 1 p.m. Harry will teach tying Stillwater trout flies: chironomids, micro leeches, and other attracter patterns commonly used in lakes. Just bring basic tying tools including black and olive tying thread, materials will be provided. Daryl’s workshop is Saturday morning and it will be focused on tying the Hex. Saturday afternoon’s workshop features Jim Reed who will be providing a program on working with Deer Hair including materials selection, tying Muddler type heads and stack a deer hair mouse. Bring a hair stacker. While there is no charge for tying with at the workshops we do ask you to pre-register so we know how many tyers to have hooks and materials for (bring your own equipment). You are also welcome to just come and watch.

A Teaching Someone to Fly Cast Workshop will be conducted by John Van Dalen on Friday afternoon at 1 p.m. This is a non-certification class to train those that are interested in assisting with the teaching of fly casting. An Introduction to Fly Casting Class will be conducted by Terry Tatarchuk and staff at 2 pm on Friday afternoon. On Saturday morning you can continue to work on your casting at the Fly Casting Clinic with Terry and Fixing Simple Casting Errors with John. On Saturday afternoon, John Johnson & Staff will do an Intermediate Fly Casting Clinic. Rods are provided or bring your own. This year we are asking that you pre-register for the casting workshops (no charge) so we can insure we have sufficient instructors available.

An On-stream Workshop will be conducted on Saturday morning by Herb Grenke. Herb will be teaching and demonstrating the Vibrant Euro-Nymphing technique. You will learn a few new methods to catch fish on a nymph other than how we typically set it up in the USA with a strike indicator. There two methods that have become Herb’s favorites. You will provided with a Fcezcek sighter and French slinke. Most of the class will on the water learning the tight line techniques to keep flies in the feeding zone. The workshop begins in the classroom and then you will move to the Au Sable River for the on-stream portion. You don’t need specialized equipment for the class. Bring the longest, lightest rod you have. Have some nymphs of choice to use on the river. Herb will have some 8 pound mono to construct leaders. You will need fishing license, waders, flyrod & reel, and sunglasses.

Lunker Smallmouth on the Fly will be a program Saturday morning by John Johnson. John will cover selecting flies for big smallmouth and include movie clips of how to fish the flies. John is working on a new generic approach to fly selection where we break the flies into types such as: Surface Attractors, Surface Imitators, Shallow Attractors, Shallow Imitators, Deep Attractors and Deep Imitators.

Aquatic Biology for the Fly Fisher will be a program Saturday morning by John Johnson. John will cover aquatic insects and crustaceans that are important to fly fishers. He will show high resolution pictures of the adult and nymph forms of the insects and then provide samples for you to identify.
Bob & Ron's Excellent Adventure (On the Fly) will be a program Saturday morning by Bob Baughman and Ron Young. Bob and Ron decided that 2016 would be a good year to knock off some of their bucket list fishing destinations. The presentation is an honest review of each place along with a fun recollection of varying degrees of success. Join them as they take through their year of searching for fish in Arkansas, Florida, New York, Michigan, Montana, Ontario, the Bahamas, and Belize.

**Auction/raffle and awards** will take place Saturday afternoon. The auction will feature fishing equipment, boxes of flies and artwork. Fisheries Division Chief Jim Dexter will be the guest speaker.

**The raffle & auction** display will be ongoing in the hallway of the Au Sable Classroom in the Education Building on Friday and Saturday.

**Fishing opportunities** in the area include not only the famous Au Sable and Manistee River and their tributaries but also float tubing on nearby Wakely Lake, a catch and release lake with outstanding fishing for Bass, Bluegill, and even Northern Pike.

**Youth are welcome to participate in all programs.** Youth under 12 years of age must be accompanied by an adult. This is a great opportunity for a learning experience for father/son or daughter; mother/son or daughter or grandparents/grandchildren.

**Registration is open to anyone.** Registration costs for Federation members is $35 for individuals and $45 for families. Add $10 to these costs for nonmembers. Special package rates are available ($210 double occupancy and $260 single occupancy) which include registration, two night lodging, Friday dinner, breakfast, lunch and dinner Saturday and breakfast Sunday. LUNCH WILL BE AVAILABLE AT NOON ON FRIDAY. YOU MUST REGISTER FOR THE FRIDAY LUNCH UNLESS YOU HAVE REGISTERED FOR ONE OF THE SPECIAL PACKAGES. See the registration form for special rates for spouses and children. The beginning fly fishing class cost is $170 and the On Stream Workshop will cost $60.00. The remaining programs and workshops are free with registration.

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

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

Up to date information and registration materials are on the GLC website at www.ffffgc.org.
FEDERATION OF FLY FISHERS GREAT LAKES COUNCIL
FLY FISHING SCHOOL & FAIR
Ralph A. MacMullen Conference Center • Roscommon, Michigan
June 16-18, 2017

PROGRAM

Friday, June 16

Noon
Lunch
Dinning Room

12:00 p.m.
Registration
Lobby, Main Building

1:00-4:20 p.m.
Registration, Raffle & Auction Display
Hallway, Au Sable Classroom

4:00-5:30 p.m.
Hospitality
Au Sable Outside Porch

5:30 p.m.
Dinner
Beach (Weather Permitting)

CLASSES/WORKSHOPS*

12:30-4:30 p.m.
“Beginning Fly Fishing School”***
Jen Klabunde & Dorothy Schramm
Au Sable South Branch
(Pre-registration required)

1:00-4:00 p.m.
“Fly Tying Workshop”* Harry Barnes
Tying Stillwater trout flies@ chironomids, micro leeches, &
other attracter patterns commonly used in lakes.
(Requires basic fly tying skills) (Pre-register to tie)
(Materials provided, bring your fly tying equipment including
black & olive tying thread or just come and watch at any time)

1:00-3:00 p.m.
“Teaching someone to fly cast Workshop”, John Van Dalen
Lake Superior
(For anyone involved or interesting in teaching fly casting)**

2:00-3:00 p.m.
“Entomology”*
Dorothy Schramm
Au Sable South Branch

2:00-4:30 p.m.
“Introduction to Fly Casting”** Terry Tatarchuk & Staff
North field across from
(Rods provided or bring your own)
Conference Center

4:10-4:30 p.m.
“The HatchLine” (Report on current Fishing)
Au Sable Main Stream

5:30 p.m.
Dinner

7:30-9:00 p.m.
Spring Fishing Manistee’s Tippy Pond “Big Fat Smallmouth”
Au Sable Main Stream
Don Sawyer"

PROGRAM

Saturday, June 17

7:15 a.m.
Breakfast
Dining Room

8:00 a.m.
Registration
Hallway Au Sable
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8:00 a.m.  Registration           Hallway Au Sable
8:30-4:00 p.m.  Raffle & Auction Display         Hallway Au Sable
Noon   Lunch            Beach (weather permitting)
3:30-6:00 p.m.  GLC Hospitality           Au Sable Outside Porch
4:15-6:00 p.m.  Awards, Auction & Sweepstakes winners        Au Sable Main Stream
6:00-           Steak Cook-Out          Beach (weather permitting)

CLASSES/WORKSHOPS

7:45 a.m.-3 pm    “Beginning Fly Fishing School”***        Meet outside Dining Room
Jen Klabunde & Dorothy Schramm (Pre-registration Required)
(Requires fishing license, waders, flyrod & reel, and sunglasses, lunch provided)

8:00-11:50 am     “On-stream Workshop, Vibrant Euro-Nymphing”  Au Sable South Branch
Participants will move to stream after classroom presentation
Herb Grenke (Pre-registration Required)
(Requires fishing license, waders, flyrod & reel, and sunglasses)

8:00-11:50 a.m.   “Fly Tying Workshop”** Daryl Crowley     Au Sable Main Stream
“ Tying the HEX”
Requires basic fly tying skills;  Pre-register to tie; All materials provided free.
(Bring your fly tying equipment including heavy threads and hair stacker
or just come and watch at any time)

8:00 - 8:50 am     “Lunker Smallmouth on the Fly” John Johnson   Au Sable North Branch
Program will cover selecting flies for big smallmouth.

9:00 - 9:50 am     “Aquatic Biology for the Fly Fisher@ John Johnson  Au Sable North Branch
Program will cover aquatic insects and crustaceans that
are important to the fly fisher.

10:00 -11:50 am   “Fly Casting Clinic” * Terry Tatarchuk & Staff   Lawn by “Straits” Bldg.
(Active Participation)(Rods provided or bring your own)

10-00-11:50 am   “Bob & Ron’s Excellent Adventure (On the Fly)”   Au Sable North Branch
Bob Baughman and Ron Young
Join them as they take you through their year of searching
for fish in Arkansas, Florida, New York, Michigan, Montana,
Ontario, the Bahamas, and Belize.

11:00-11:50 a.m. “Fix Simple Casting Errors”,* John Van Dalen        Lawn by “Straits” Bldg.
Bring a rod and your casting fault you want cured.
Noon      Lunch      Beach

1:00-3:50 p.m.  “Fly Tying Workshop” Jim Reed            Au Sable Main Stream
                   Working with Deer Hair including materials selection, tying
                   Muddler type heads and stack a deer hair mouse
                   Requires basic fly tying skills; Pre-register to tie; All materials provided free
                   (Bring your own fly tying equipment including stacker or
                   just come and watch at any time)

1:00-2:50 p.m.  “Intermediate Fly Casting Clinic” * John Johnson & Staff  Au Sable South Branch
                   After presentation, class will move to North Field across from Conference Center
                   (Rods provided or bring your own)

4:00-4:10 p.m.  “DNR Fisheries Division Chief Jim Dexter”             Au Sable

4:15-6:00 p.m.  Awards, Auction & Sweepstakes Winners            Au Sable
                   GLC Annual Membership Meeting

Sunday, June 15

7:15 a.m.      Breakfast                                        Dining Room

8:30 a.m.      GLC Annual Board of Directors Meeting            Au Sable

*Under 12 years old must be accompanied by an adult
** Pre-registration Required
Registration form: GLC Summer Fly Fishing School & Fair, June 16-18, 2076

Name ____________________________________________

First name(s) as they should appear on badge(s) ____________________________________________

Address__________________________________________ City _____________________

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FFF Member Number______________ E-mail address _____________________________

IFF Membership- Make your statement in support of IFF -

☐ General 1-year Membership $35 ☐ General 3-Year Individual $90 ☐ Senior (65 yrs +) $25
☐ Veterans Membership $25 ☐ Youth/Student (age 26) $15 ☐ Life $1,000 (includes spouse)

Date of Birth___________ New Member ☐ Former Member ☐ Renewal ☐

Special Packages

☐ Double occupancy $210 (per person)* ☐ Friday Lunch @ $10.00
☐ Double occupancy $190 (spouse)* ☐ Friday Dinner @ $20.00 ☐ Shrimp ☐ Chicken
☐ Double occupancy $170 (per child)* ☐ Saturday Breakfast @ $8.00
☐ Single occupancy $260.00* ☐ Saturday Luncheon @ $10.00

*includes lodging, Meals & Registration

☐ add $10 for non-Federation member

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

☐ Individual IFF member $35; non-member $45
☐ Family IFF member $45 (children under 12), non-member $55
☐ youth (12-17) $10 ☐ Friday Only $10 ☐ Saturday Only $20
☐ Century Club Members (free registration) (NO CHARGE FOR CASTING WORKSHOPS)

Meals:

☐ Saturday Dinner @ $20.00 ☐ Steak ☐ Fish
☐ Sunday Breakfast @ $8.00

Other:

☐ Friday Afternoon Fly Tying Workshop ☐ Saturday Morning Fly Tying Workshop
☐ Saturday Afternoon Fly Tying Workshop (NO CHARGE FOR FLY TYING WORKSHOPS)
☐ Introduction to Fly Casting ☐ Fly Casting Clinic ☐ Intermediate Fly Casting Clinic
☐ Beginning Fly Fishing School, Friday & Saturday ($170) (Limit 10) (Includes Box Lunch)
☐ Teaching Someone To Fly Cast Workshop, Friday (no charge)
☐ Advanced Fly Casting, Saturday (no charge) (Limit 5)
☐ On Stream Workshop, Vibrant Euro-Nymphing Techniques, Saturday, ($60) (Limit 6)
☐ Donation included for Sweepstakes Tickets $___________

Total enclosed $_______________. Make checks payable to GLC-IFF

Credit Card Payment: ☐ Visa ☐ MasterCard Card #__________________ Exp. Date________

Signature required for Credit Card Payment ____________________________

Send completed form with payment to: GLC Fly Fishing School, c/o Jim Schramm, P.O. Box 828, Pentwater, MI 49449, For questions contact Jim Schramm at (231) 869-5487 or (231) 740-7278 or e-mail at jdschramm@oceana.net.
GREAT LAKES COUNCIL – IFF
Fly Fishing School & Fair Sweepstakes 2017 Prizes include Graphite fly rod, tackle, and more

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

• Need not be present to win • (no purchase necessary) • Drawing June 14th, 2017 in Roscommon, MI

Return to: Jim Schramm P.O. Box 828, Pentwater MI 49449-0828

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