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## *President's Corner*

How quickly time flies, the next club meal is almost here - the Clam Bake. I'm still savoring the food from the picnic in June. Time goes too fast.

The September meeting will feature Ara Hamamjian as the speaker. Ara has given previous presentations on fly tying and Steelhead fishing. Ara's presentation will be on the development of fly angling skills that takes one to a new level; the ability to determine the reason for the lack of success in catching a fish. It will be a really good program that will benefit fly anglers of all skill levels. Don't miss this program.

The clam bake will be on September 18 at Beaver Creek Boat Club. The cost is the same as last year; \$25/person and \$7 for an extra dozen clams. Send your reservations to me before September 11. Admission and raffle tickets will be available at the meeting on September 9. Pogie puts on a great clam bake at a very reasonable price.

The FFF National is experiencing financial difficulties as the enclosed article enumerates. Some of their programs are being affected. The Three Rivers Raffle is a case in point. They have not had the drawing as of this day and are waiting until they sell 4000 tickets. They currently have sold about 2600 tickets.

The club now owns a digital projector so we can give our own presentations in the meeting room and don't have to put up with the malfunctions of the projector in the auditorium.

All Ohio FFF clubs have to report their educational programs to the OHC (Ohio Council) and it was nice to see that Firelands Fly Fishers has a long list that includes:

- Boy Scout Merit Badge Program
- Casting for Recovery
- Reel & Heal
- Club collaboration with Trout Unlimited
- Rocky River Library fly tying and fly fishing program
- Community fly fishing shows
- Rocky River High School Outdoor Day program
- Public fly tying program at Gander Mountain
- Public rod building program at Gander Mountain
- Vermilion Fish and Game Club fly tying and fly casting program

We have some busy members of our club and could always use more help. See you all at the next meeting.

Good Fishing,

Bill Grake

President, Firelands Fly Fishers

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## ***Future Events***

*All General Club Meetings take place at French Creek Nature Center, 4530 Colorado Ave. Sheffield Village, on the second Wednesday of the month - unless otherwise noted. Meetings begin socially at 6:30 PM.*

### **2009 Firelands Event Schedule**

September 9<sup>th</sup> – Ara Hamamjian, guest speaker, developing skills to become a better fly fisherman, at FCNC  
September 18<sup>th</sup> – 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Clam Bake, Beaver Creek Boat Club  
October 14<sup>th</sup> – Matt Hynes, Chagrin River Outfitters  
November 11<sup>th</sup> – Ron Guttu, Stream Guide Companion Maps  
December 9<sup>th</sup> – Annual Christmas Dinner Pot Luck

### **Fly Tying Classes**

Fly Tying Classes will resume at Gander Mountain beginning in October. Fly tying is open to everyone, so bring a friend or family member. The club does have some tools and vices available for your use and there are plenty of people available for instructions, advice or just to talk about fishing! Director of Fly Tying, Tom Zmina, has put together the following schedule for the remainder of 2009 and he is once again working hard to bring us these great sessions and the Fly of the Month.

Gander Mountain is located in Cobblestone Square in Sheffield Village, near Rt. 301/Rt. 254 and I-90. Classes are 6 PM until 9 PM. All sessions will be on Wednesday evenings, with the exception of the second week of each month for the Firelands Fly Fishers general meeting.

**Fly Tying Classes will take place in Gander Mountain's Lodge Room:**

**Wednesdays in October 7, 21, 28**

**Wednesdays in November 4, 18, 25**

**Wednesdays in December 2, 16, 23, 30**



### **Steelhead Seminar**

The Cleveland Metroparks is hosting a Steelhead Seminar operated by members of the Ohio Central Basin Steelheaders. The event is free and takes place on October 3, from 9 AM – 4 PM at the Rocky River Nature Center

### **Rod Building Classes**

Are you interested in building your own fly rod? Want to know how it is done? Rod building is a great opportunity to build yourself that special rod you always wanted. It can also be a real bonding experience (literally if you are not careful) with friends and fellow members. Steve Smith, club Vice President, will be gauging interest in holding a class this winter. Please let Steve know you are interested or speak with him if you have questions. The club owns some great tools and equipment to help you get started!

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## ***FFF News and Notes***

### **Federation of Fly Fishers cuts top position**

*By Matt Dettori, Enterprise Staff Writer, published August 24, 2009 in Livingston, MT*

The Federation of Fly Fishers Board of Directors recently decided to eliminate the FFF president's position after September. The board cut the position because of financial blows the organization took this past year, said R.P. Van Gytenbeek, FFF's current CEO and president.

In the past, Gytenbeek said, the FFF, which has about 13,000 members, has usually raised about \$75,000 a year. This year, the federation will be lucky to break even, he said.

“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. He remarked they work hard supporting FFF programs. Following his departure, the staff will be somewhat “rudderless,” Gytenbeek said.

The former FFF museum, located in the Lincoln School building on East Lewis Street, still has several FFF items inside awaiting adoption, he said.

Most items at the museum were either sent to Montana State University’s archives or are stored at the federation’s new location in the Sleeping Giant Trade Center south of Livingston. The nonprofit organization moved to the new location in early March. Fish tanks, still full of life, remain for now at the Lincoln School location.

“We still have fish that we are feeding every day or every other day,” Gytenbeek said. “(They) belong to Montana Fish Wildlife and Parks, the FFF and John Bailey. We’ve given away a lot of the smaller (tanks) but we don’t have any takers for the bigger tanks.” He would like to give the tanks away to a school for educational use. “We could always turn the tanks off and throw the fish into someone’s frying pan, but it’d be nicer to give them to someone who could use them,” he said. “It’d be a shame to just get rid of the tanks.”

Gytenbeek also clarified unsubstantiated reports the FFF headquarters is moving out of state.

The FFF signed an 18-month lease for the space at the Sleeping Giant Trade Center and plans on staying longer, he said. “Because rent is less from the move to the new location, the board felt to move any relocation discussion off the agenda,” Gytenbeek said. “It’s a non-issue for the time being. We’re still a happy resident of Livingston.”

The FFF has been headquartered in Livingston since the early 1990s, Gytenbeek said. No FFF board members were available for comment by press time Monday.

### **FFF National Raffle – Five Rivers Sweepstakes**

The Five Rivers Sweepstakes has been EXTENDED! You still have a chance to win a trip to Five Rivers Lodge in Dillon, MT and a chance at the grand prize - a trip to Cinco Rios Lodge in Chile. We will draw winners once 4000 tickets have sold. You can find more information on the sweepstakes [here](#), or [purchase tickets online](#). Tickets are also available through your FFF club or council.

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## ***Firelands Fly Fishers Annual Summer Picnic and Raffle – held June 10***

**The Summer Picnic** was a great success with 68 people attending - making it the largest function Firelands Fly Fishers has ever held. Thanks to everyone for attending, bringing food and helping with the set-up and clean-up. Special thank you to Carl Kocian for organizing the grilling and supplies...and to all the men that helped him at the grill!!

Below is the list of winners from the big raffle held at the picnic on June 10. Congratulations to the winners and thank you to everyone that bought and sold tickets. Of course, we would like to extend gratitude to all of our donors and Joe Sloboda for organizing the raffle!! The success of this raffle will contribute to our programming for the 2009-10 year.

**2009 Summer Raffle Winners**

Grand Prize: TFO Rod with Teton reel - Ron Varga  
2nd Prize: Indigo Outfitters guided fishing in MI - Bill Graw  
2nd Chance Bamboo Fly Rod - Mike Bobincheck  
Day of fishing at Sunnybrook Trout Club - Bob Schmidt  
Day of fishing with Tom Zmina on Lake Erie - Lynn Collins  
Fly box of assorted flies #1 - Ed Sopko  
Fly box of assorted flies #2 - Terry Diener  
Trout Art Print - Laura Bell  
Trout Art Print - Jim Davis

Float Tube - Jim Napier  
Float Tube - Jim Piper  
Fly Tying Book - Garry Zimmermann  
Echo Fly Rods Hat - Tim Schulz  
Firelands Fly Fishers Hat - Barb Napier  
Firelands Fly Fishers Hat - Tom Ruh  
Firelands Fly Fishers Hat - Robin Ester  
Firelands Fly Fishers Hat - Linda Zmina  
Firelands Fly Fishers Hat - Carl Kocian

***Clam Bake Raffle***

In conjunction with the 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Clam Bake a raffle has been organized with tickets going on sale at the Sept 9<sup>th</sup> meeting and being sold until the drawing at the Clam Bake on Sept 18<sup>th</sup>. Winners do not need to be present. Donation is \$10 per ticket. First prize = Teton Fly Reel; Second Prize = Gander Mountain 7 wt. Fly Rod; Third Prize = Fishing and Lunch at Sunnybrook Trout Club; Fourth Prize = Orvis Fly Box.

**Firelands Fly Fishers Clam Bake**

Date: Friday, September 18, 2009  
Time: Social Hour 5:00 P.M. – Dinner 6:00 P.M.  
Place: Beaver Creek Boat Club  
6099 West Erie Ave. (Lake Road), Lorain, Ohio  
*(enter Beaver Creek Marina at SE intersection of  
Rt. 6 and Oak Point Rd)*

Cost: \$25 pp – extra clams \$7 dozen  
Menu: Chowder, Clams, Chicken, Corn, Potato, Roll, Desert  
Free Beer & Pop; BYO Wine

Deadline for RSVP is Friday, September 11, 2008



**FIRELANDS FLY FISHERS CLAM BAKE – RESERVATION**

NAME (s): \_\_\_\_\_

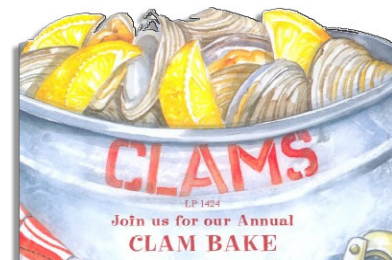
\$25 per person x (# ) people \_\_\_\_\_

\$7 extra dozen clams x (# ) extra \_\_\_\_\_

Total enclosed: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

*Checks made payable to: Firelands Fly Fishers*

Please bring this form completed with check to September 9 meeting  
or please return this form by mail with payment to:



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*Board meetings are held the third Thursday of the month at 7:00 PM*

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### *Fly of the Month, September Cinnamon Caddis*

**Hook:** Daiichi #1280 Size #14 Dry fly hook. 2X long shank.

**Thread:** 8/0 Uni-thread. Rusty Brown color.

**Dubbing:** Micro Fine Dry Fly Dubbing - Rusty Spinner color.

**Hackle:** Rooster Neck Hackle. Ginger color.

**Wing:** Brindle Turkey Wing Feather. Taped on the underside, folded and trimmed to shape.

**Antennae:** (optional) Two barbs of a pheasant tail feather.

**Photo # 1** Wind in a bed of thread to the bend of the hook. Spin the dubbing onto the thread to form a fine rope.

**Photo # 2** Wind the dubbing rope onto the hook shank to about the 3/4 position. This leaves room on the shank for the hackle and wing to follow.

**Photo # 3** Tie in a hackle feather and wind it 6-8 times around the throat of the hook to form a common dry fly hackle.

**Photo # 4** Snip off a 3/4" wide section of Turkey Wing Feather Barbs. Tape the back side with scotch tape to reinforce the feather. Fold the feather over like a tent and trim to make a caddis wing. Pinch the lead edge of the folded over feather and tie it in over the top of the hook to form a wing. Whip finish to form a head if not moving on to Photo #5.

**Photo # 5 Optional.** Add in two barbs of a Pheasant tail to form antennae. Add some half hitches under the antennae to secure the thread. Trim off the thread and add a small bit of head cement to lock in the thread.

*For Fly of the Month recipes and patterns,  
please visit our web site at  
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**Tom Zmina, Director of Fly Tying, Firelands Fly Fishers**

