



# *the indicator*

*The newsletter of the Firelands Fly Fishers Inc.*

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## *President's Corner*

Welcome to another year of Firelands Fly Fishers. The Officers and Board members have been working all summer to plan meetings and programs to benefit the membership.

Our goal is to “educate” the membership in the art of fly fishing. We have “hands on” fly tying and fly casting classes and have speakers sharing their expertise with the membership. Tom Zmina again has a very ambitious program of fly tying classes that should make any beginning fly tier an expert by the end of the classes (schedule below). Rod building classes are going to be offered again. We also try to get in as many fly fishing trips as possible. Talk to anyone who went on the Penn’s Creek trip in June- we didn’t catch all the trout, but we sure did eat good.

To better meet our goals we need help from the membership in a few ways. We need your input for the topics for classes, meetings and possible speakers. If you have any suggestions please pass on the info to any board member. We also need members to take an active role in club projects. The same familiar faces are always involved be it the picnic, clambake, etc. New faces would be very welcomed so that the same members are not always doing all the work. Do you hear me?

The Steelhead meeting in June in Akron resulted in good news and not such good news. There will not be any type of Steelhead Stamp in Ohio. Stream access will remain as is, no plans for state acquisition of land. No plans for any Fly Fishing Only areas. The Steelhead hatchery is still in the works and is a work in progress. We have the greatest Steelhead fishing in the country and it will remain as such. Better news is all the August rain should get the Steelhead in the streams sooner than usual. The Pennsylvania run should start with cooler temperatures.

The Ohio Council (OHC) of the Federation of Fly Fishers is fully functioning and completely independent of the Great Lakes Council. Look for the first quarterly newsletter soon. The council meets quarterly in Mansfield.

“If we can’t fish then we eat” so come to the annual Clam Bake on October 21. This is without a doubt the BEST clam bake you will ever experience with a promise of the best draught beer to wash down the clams.

Here’s to a very good year at Firelands Fly Fishers. See you all at the September 12<sup>th</sup> meeting.

Bill Grake  
President, Firelands Fly Fishers

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## *Editor's Notes*

Way back on June 13, we held our Annual Summer Picnic and Raffle. 40 members and spouses attended. We had some great weather (a little hot at the grills), but as always there was great food and plenty of it. Thank you to those that brought food, helped with set up, cooking and clean up. Special thanks again to Joe for organizing a successful raffle and appreciation to those that contributed.

Officer elections were held. **Joe Sloboda** was voted in as Secretary and **Bill Grake, Steve Smith, and Bill Graw** were re-elected unopposed to their positions. Special thanks to **Dave Tolhurst** for his service to the Board and Club as our past Secretary!

**Also held that evening was the big raffle. The following list includes our winners:**

**Charles Behnke** – winner of 7 weight Lamiglass rod (ticket sold by **Lynn Collins**)

**Bill Graw** – winner of 5 weight Lamiglass rod

**Lisa Zane** – winner of Sage pack (ticket sold by **Jim Piper**)

**Don Lee** – winner of fishing and lunch for two at Sunnybrook (sold by **Bill Waksmundski**)

**Jim Mertz** – winner of a day on the lake boat fishing with Tom Zmina (Jim auctioned this off with funds going to the club, **Bill Mihaly** won the auction)

**Steve Bell** – winner of Dave & Busters golf simulator package

**Tom Zmina** – winner of Dave & Busters golf simulator package

**Bill Waksmundski** - winner of Dave & Busters golf simulator package

**12 others** won Gander Mountain hats

### **A request to our fellow club members...Authors, photographers, poets, thespians, editors, etc...**

I have a new idea and hope to turn it into a plan quickly, it seems easy enough (in my head and hopefully in print too). I am asking that each month we have a guest columnist from the membership. The article written ideally will be about ¾ to 1 whole page. I won't turn away a longer piece, but let's keep it interesting. Also, you can write about most anything pertaining to fishing. You could write about your fantastic summer vacation fishing in the mountains, share a favorite fishing tale, a recipe, a fly pattern or special techniques and tips. How about sharing some advice from your years of steelheading? We produce *the indicator* 10 times per year and we have over 70 members and about 50 of us are actively involved or attend meetings and functions. Can you commit to an article every 4-5 years? I hope so; we'll talk more at the meetings.

### **FFF National Home Office Life Membership Offer**

Until December 31, 2007 the Federation of Fly Fishers is offering a life membership promotion. For \$750, a new life member will have a choice of a Sage 590-4 Z-AXIS Series Rod in 5 wt OR a Sage 890-4 Xi2 8 wt. Also offered is a lifetime couples membership for \$1250 (two rods given). Payments must be made in full and can be made by credit card. For more information please see a member of our board and visit [www.fedflyfishers.org](http://www.fedflyfishers.org)

*If you would like to submit a fishing story, classified, a favorite fly, web link or information for fellow members, please contact me at [t\\_timefff@yahoo.com](mailto:t_timefff@yahoo.com) Deadline for entries is the fourth Wednesday of each month.*

Tim Schulz  
Director of Communications, Firelands Fly Fishers

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## ***Future Events***

### **Clam Bake: Save the Date – Sunday, October 21**

The 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Clam Bake will be held on Sunday, October 21. See page 5, below for more information.

### **Fly Tying at Sandy Ridge Reservation on Thursday Nights, 6 PM – 9 PM**

Fly Tying kicks off our 2007-2008 year at Sandy Ridge Reservation in North Ridgeville. Dust off the vice and the gear boxes and come visit some old friends or make new ones. All are welcomed!!

*Sandy Ridge is located north of Center Ridge Rd., east of Case and the entrance is on Otten Rd*

**Sandy Ridge Fly Tying Schedule: Sept. 6, 13, 27 and Oct. 4, 11, 25;** *Please note that the third week of each month is skipped to allow for the Firelands Fly Fishers Board Meeting.*

### **Rocky River Watershed Festival – Saturday, September 29**

This festival is conducted by the Rocky River Watershed Council, a group we supported with a donation this past year. This important organization brings you a day of fun and learning with their festival at the Rocky River Nature Center in North Olmsted. Take the kids or grandchildren – there will be music, games, activities, animals and prizes. Firelands Fly Fishers will be a part of the event and have a chance to introduce ourselves to the public. It is scheduled from 11 AM – 5 PM on Sept. 29. For more information go to [www.myrockyriver.org](http://www.myrockyriver.org)

### **Reel & Heal**

Reeling and Healing, Inc. is a non-profit organization conducting fly fishing retreats for women who have had breast cancer. Retreats are led by professional facilitators and experienced fly-fishing instructors. There will be a retreat at Rockwell Springs Trout Club in Castalia, OH on September 23-25. For more information visit [www.reelandheal.com](http://www.reelandheal.com)

### **Art on the Fly**

If you make it out east or are going to be in the Holden Arboretum or Chagrin Valley area, you may consider making a side trip to “Art on the Fly.” Lake Metroparks presents this multi-media art show at Penitentiary Glen Nature Center in Kirtland. Our friends in the North Coast Fly Fishers contributed time, gear and some art to this display. The show runs daily 9 – 5 through October 14<sup>th</sup>.

### **North Coast Fly Tying Expo**

This event is currently scheduled for January 5, 2008

### **GLC Annual Fly Tying Expo**

Great Lakes Council Fly Tying Expo, Dec. 1, 2007 in Mason, MI (near Lansing)

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## ***Federation of Fly Fishers Mission***

The mission of the Federation of Fly Fishers is to lead activities that enhance and support the fly fishing experience for all anglers who fish with the artificial fly. As part of our efforts to educate through fly fishing, we believe that ethical behavior is a key component of the angling experience. While the need to preserve for all anglers the natural beauty and quality of fisheries for future generations is paramount, consideration for fellow anglers cannot be overlooked.

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## *Fly of the Month, September - March Brown, Wet*

**Hook:** Standard wet fly hook, size 10-16

**Thread:** Rusty Tan, 6/0 for larger patterns, 8/0 for finer patterns

**Tail:** rusty colored fibers from male Ringneck Pheasant tail

**Body:** Spiral wrapped fine gold wire over dubbed March Brown color

**Hackle:** Rust colored fur from underside of a Fox Squirrel tail

**Wing:** Pheasant tail feather



**Photo # 1** Start a bed of thread on the hook and tie in the tail.

**Photo # 2** Tie in the gold wire, facing out past the tail, to wrap later.

**Photo # 3** Dub in the body with the March Brown color dubbing.



**Photo # 4** Spiral wrap the wire to the eye and tie it in.

**Photo # 5** Stack the squirrel tail fur. Tie it in behind the eye, and spin it in as you would a deer hair body. Trim off the excess fur in front of the eye.

**Photo # 6** Tie in the pheasant wings as a saddle on the fly.

**Step # 7** Wrap the head and whip finish. Trim the thread and seal with head cement.

For previous Fly of the Month recipes, please visit our web site at <http://www.firelandsflyfishers.org>

Tom Zmina, Director of Fly Tying, Firelands Fly Fishers

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## *Firelands Fly Fishers Board of Directors*

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

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# The Firelands Fly Fishers Clam Bake

Date: Sunday, October 21, 2007

Deadline: Please RSVP by Monday, October 15

Time: Social hour 5:00 pm – Dinner 6:00 pm

Place: Beaver Creek Boat Club  
6099 Lake Road Lorain, OH  
(Entrance at Beaver Creek Marina – south side of road)

Cost: \$25 per person; \$45 per couple - Adults only  
\$7 for an extra dozen clams

Menu: Chowder, clams, chicken, corn, potato, roll, butter  
Beer, pop and water provided; BYOB

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**Return this form to Bill Grake at a meeting or by mail to:**

**Bill Grake  
3387 Jaycox Road  
Avon, Ohio 44011**

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

**\$25 for one person** \_\_\_\_\_

**\$45 per couple** \_\_\_\_\_

**\$7 extra dozen clams** \_\_\_\_\_

**Total enclosed:** \_\_\_\_\_ checks are payable to Firelands Fly Fishers