

The Newsletter of the Michigan Fly Fishing Club

September 2025 Edition

## Our Summer of 2025 Fishing Reports

Fishing Report by Bill Yaw

I finally went fishing on my pond (Limekiln Lake, South Lyon). And I caught these on my "winning" St. Croix rod and Sage reel courtesy of the MFFC raffle!!



*Editor's Note:* if you have pics and stories from your Summer / Fall fishing adventures, submit them to:

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Summer at YNP by Nichole Mayer

New member Nichole Mayer informed us that she was going to be a resident nurse serving at Yellowstone National Park's Old Faithful Clinic from May to October '25.



Renee, Nicole & Bob in front of Old Faithful Inn



Ask Nicole about her YNP Adventures when she arrives back in November

### Upcoming Club Events

- 09/03/25: Club Meeting (Speaker)
- 09/10/25: Board Meeting
- 09/17/25: Club Meeting (Activity)
- 09/21/25: Driftless (WI) Fall Trip
- 09/26/25: FFI Flyfest (MI)
- 10/01/25: Club Meeting (Speaker)
- 10/08/25: Board Meeting
- 10/15/25: Club Meeting (Activity)
- 11/05/25: Club Meeting (Speaker)
- 11/12/25: Board Meeting
- 11/19/25: Club Meeting (Activity)
- 12/03/25: Club Meeting (Speaker)
- 12/10/25: Board Meeting
- 12/17/25: Club Mtg (Garage Sale)
- 01/07/26: Club Meeting (Speaker)
- 01/14/26: Board Meeting
- 01/21/26: Club Meeting (Activity)
- 02/04/26: Club Meeting (Speaker)
- 02/11/26: Board Meeting
- 02/18/26: Club Meeting (Activity)
- 02/22/26: White River (AR) Trip #1
- 03/01/26: White River (AR) Trip #2
- 03/04/26: Club Meeting (Activity)
- 03/11/26: Board Meeting
- 03/14/26: Midwest Flyfishing Expo
- 03/15/26: Expo (Pontiac, MI)
- 03/18/26: Club Meeting (Speaker)
- 04/01/26: Club Meeting (Speaker)
- 04/08/26: Board Meeting
- 04/15/26: Club Meeting (Activity)
- 05/06/26: Club Meeting (Activity)
- 05/13/26: Board Meeting

For the most current listing of events, check our club's website: [mffc.org](http://mffc.org)

## Michigan Fly Fishing Club – Business Section

### Michigan Fly Fishing Club Board of Directors Meeting May 12<sup>th</sup>, 2025

#### Roll Call:

Meeting called to order at 7:30 pm

Present: K. Lipp, S. Hunter; J. Bada; J. Aitken; J. Haxton, T. DeFauw; N. Tabaka; J. Eriksson; J. Aukee

Absent: none

**Approval of the Minutes:** minutes from 04/16/25 approved

**Approval of the Agenda:** agenda from 05/12/25 approved

#### Officer's Report

**President:** K. Lipp

- welcomed new board members James Harris (Corresponding Secretary) and Todd Schotts (Incoming President).

**Vice President:** J. Bada

- no report

**Treasurer:** J. Aitken

- reported the financials

**Corresponding Secretary:** S. Hunter

- Tim Flagler will be the Banquet Speaker, Eduardo "Peach" Crespo-Brazilian Fly Fishing guide also Atlanta, GA area June 4<sup>th</sup>; Corey Hasselhuhn - Schultz Outfitters Sales Manager July 9<sup>th</sup>; Jason Bergwall – Grayling Fish Hatchery – August 6<sup>th</sup>.
- We have featured tyers booked through December.

**Membership:** J. Eriksson

- Membership now stands at 432. There are now 95 new members. We have had 65 members use PayPal
- A discussion followed on the potential thought to modify the Member Survey. Various benefits of keeping the same vs. modifications were addressed; John Eriksson, Jon Bada, and Todd Schotts are to review the survey prior to the next meeting. This subject will become an agenda item moving forward.

#### Events and Outings:

- A new venue for the 2026 Expo has been found, a contract is yet to be signed
- MFFC Banquet – May 14<sup>th</sup> Tim Flagler will be speaker
- Browns & Bourbon July 17-20, 2025
- Club Picnic date is July 19, 2025
- Port Crescent Sportsman Club – July 26, 2025
- Fly Fest – 09/26 and 27 in Grand Rapids

#### New Business:

- Exit Interview process – we lost a newer member resulting from off hand political comments made that were taken as offensive. We need to stress we are fishing club at meetings and keep politics out of our discussions.
- We need a board member to be a member of FFI for our insurance; J. Bada is a member of FFI

#### Old Business:

- Club Shirt and Hat Update – second order of shirts and hats is underway; production can begin once payment is made.
- Donations - Discussion on types of donations to the club, no specific motions made
- Conservation Committee Report: Cedars for the AuSable \$1,000 requested and approved; Dam 4 portable toilet \$185 requested and approved; Grayling Fish Hatchery harden the feeders, Education and Special Grants \$2,000.00 requested and approved; Anglers of the AuSable creation of 50 habitat structures (trout hotels) \$10,000 requested and approved; Mason Griffith Chapter of TU – Electro Fishing equipment upgrade \$765 requested and approved
- FFI Expo – has been silent on the Expo in Grand Rapids other than requesting tyers.

#### Visitors:

- James Harris
- Todd Schotts
- Vern White

**Results from April's Election of 2025-2026 Club Officers** newly elected in **red fonts** below

#### 2025 - 2026 Club Officers

##### President:

**Todd Schotts**

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##### Vice President:

**Jon Bada**

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##### Treasurer:

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## Michigan Fly Fishing Club's President & Board of Directors Page

### Welcome 2025-26 Club President – Todd Schotts

Please welcome our new Club President, Todd Schotts. Like many of our other members, Schotts is a military veteran. He served in the Marine Corps as a sergeant who learned patience in both leadership and EOD bomb defusal. Other prior leadership positions include: Director of the Ann Arbor Trout Unlimited Board, five years on the MFFC Board of Directors as both an At Large member and as Corresponding Secretary, and most recently served two years as recording secretary and two years as the President of the Huron River Fishing Association. He works at Stylecraft Printing as Head Sheetfed Estimator, plant Production Scheduler, and Customer Service Leader (diffusing issues), and Order Entry when needed..

Under his leadership, the Huron River Fishing Association was awarded the MUCC Conservation Club of Year award. Within the MFFC, Todd has procured speakers, served on the Board of Directors, received the Howard Gellar Volunteer of the Year award, and organized the Guest Tyers area at the Midwest Fly Fishing Expo.



“My biggest achievement in life is being a successful presenter in the fly fishing world. Todd Schotts is also a Norvise, UV Craft, TFO, and Anadromous Fly Co. pro team member, and was invited to tie at FFI's FlyFest 2025 in Grand Rapids this September. *Editor's note: FlyFest is next week - see Page 6 for additional event information.*

“The goal is for everyone to have fun, enjoy, relax and give me a chance to lead,” said Schotts. “Changing the Club is not my goal. I do want it to grow stronger, be more assessable, to update the constitution to today's standards, for meetings to run smoothly, and to make the experience fun for everyone.”

“The first time I attended an MFFC meeting, Al Haxton came up to me, invited me to sit next to him and helped me tie that evening as he led fly tying. This was awesome and made me feel welcomed,” said Schotts.

“I want to make sure everyone in the Club does that for anyone new at a meeting. I don't want anybody to come to the Club, not make a connection, and leave. That person is not only a potential member, but a potential fly fishing and fly-tying friend, future volunteer, or even our next President.”

“I'd like to give a big thank you for electing me president. It's a great honor and privilege to be able to do this.”

### Mother Nature Gave Us Her Best Shot, But We Succeeded!! Submitted by Todd Schotts

The club's resurrection of the 2<sup>nd</sup> year on “**Non-Meeting Wednesdays on the Water**” with the “**Summer Tour of 2025**” has come to an end. This is hard to believe as it seems we just started these awesome nights out fishing. This 2<sup>nd</sup> year was a success even though Mother Nature decided to throw us some of the worst conditions to fish in as in high winds, rain, high fronts coming through, and severe storms.

We started out his year on **Bishop Lake in Brighton State Rec Area** and we caught fish, but dealing with high winds and waves. I was fortunate enough to see John Aukee catch 2 nice bass in the back lake in the high winds and waves. I went up to the front lake by the Fishing Pier with John Erikson and it was a blast with huge panfish by the fishing pier. At one point I was doing a presentation with everyone on the fishing pier (including DNR) on using a fly rod for panfish before John joined me fishing. They did have a lot of questions, but it was a lot of fun. Once we ended this night the wind finally tapered off, naturally.

From there we went up to **Flint River** (I should say Ken Harfoot and John Aukee were the only 2 members that showed up). Mother Nature dealt the cards with severe thunderstorms all around them, but they got a window and fished successfully. From there we went to **Newburgh Lake** and Mother Nature once more decided to really mess with us. When Ken and I got there, it was downpouring; once the rain became a light downpour, we headed out to fish, and it was a blast. Mother Nature couldn't keep us down; we were catching bass like crazy in the rain!! I think she decided, try and see if you like this: the rain stopped; that is when the heat was turned up with all bright sun. Everyone that was there was now catching bass and panfish. She couldn't keep us down at all.



We fished the whole **Huron River System** on this Summer Tour of 2025 by having our 1<sup>st</sup> stop was at **Delhi Metropark**. That night Mother Nature decided to take the day off, but she did leave us with high temps (which we can handle). We got to fish with Bob Long and his Tenkara Rod which was awesome to see, and he did catch fish!! We all caught fish that night and it was a great time. We fished upriver for our next stop, within **Island Lake State Park**, at the dam where the bottom of Kent Lake once again flows back into the Huron River. Mother Nature decided to toss us severe weather all around us, we decided to wet wade above the dam (2 members used personal watercraft) and we caught fish from smallmouth, largemouth, and panfish. We went up the Huron River even further by the head waters at **Pontiac Lake** for another stop.

*(To be continued on Page 4)*





## Recent Pics and Stories from Recent Club Outings and Events

### Non-Meeting Wednesdays on the Water

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This lake is pretty unique as 70% of the lake is 6 foot or less, which means warmer waters. With the water (at the bottom) being 89 degrees, toss in the 2 weed cutters, and the weed chemicals being dumped in this system; it was a unique fishing experience, but we still caught fish. Plus, once again she (Mother Nature) had severe storms all around us, but the rain didn't happen until on our way home. We went back down river this time, down to **Gallup Park** in Ann Arbor. This was just a plain hot day, but we caught fish and Ken for sure rocked this trip with an excellent smallmouth.



Then we fished the last part of the **Huron River at Point Mouillee** which is the final push of the Huron River. Fish were caught but Mother Nature decided to have a High-Pressure Point come through with northwest winds which basically shut everything down. If you do not know, this is a very bad combination, but we caught fish, but it was few and not many. We ended this tour Summer Tour at **Nankin Lake** in Livonia which is down river from one of our earlier stops at Newburgh Lake. For this location, it was interesting to start out as getting your water vessel in. All they had was a kayak ramp, and anyone with a fishing yak, they do not work in these. The fishing was slow, a few caught fish, I hooked into a monster....a snapping turtle. Good thing he broke off. The highlight was getting my yak stuck on the kayak ramp getting out. But all in all, it was a great time. We had 8 people that attended this stop.



We had a total of 9 different locations we fished this year. Ken Harfoot and I would like to thank everyone that came out to fish with us!! It was an awesome time even though Mother Nature wasn't playing fair majority of these locations. A huge thank you to Ken Harfoot for helping me Co-Chairing this with me. We are very thankful for all the fellow club members that joined us this year. We cannot wait for next years "Summer Tour of 2026". Tight Lines everyone, Todd Schotts & Ken Harfoot.



### Float Trip on the Madison

(Submitted by Jess Farris)

While in Montana my partner Angelo Zervos and I took a float trip on the Madison River on our last day of the trip, Friday. We met our guide Jordan at 8am at Kelly Galloup's Slide Inn fly shop. While Jordan picked out our flies for the day, I bought myself a new "Lucky" hat.

We pushed off at the "Linn" launch near the Rest Area about 8:45 and went just below the bridge and anchored so Jordan could give Angelo the low down about casting. It was his first trip in a boat. Jordan was a much better teacher than I had been in the previous days. She had him casting in no time. She rigged us up with two fly rigs with an indicator (bobber) point fly was a Flashback nymph size 18 and a top fly was a big black and sparkle streamer called a Black meat snack. All the fish are super tight to the banks so it was fish left fish right fish left side.



Suddenly my bobber was gone. I lifted my rod and strip set and found myself attached to a very active large trout. Got my line under control and fought the fish he ran twice when he got close to the boat. Finally, Jordan slipped the net under the fish, and we had him. When I finally stopped screaming, I found myself staring at the biggest brown trout I have ever landed on a fly rod. The new "Lucky hat" paid off in spades.

That fish measured a full 21" of beautiful Salmo Trutta. We spent a few minutes with Jordan holding the fish in the water before he was ready to swim away. All this before 9:30.

The rest of the day belonged to Angelo for he surely had the hot stick up there in the front. HE caught the next 4 or 5 fish over 16" and one was a perfectly gorgeous rainbow with the pinkest stripe I think I've ever seen. But those are Angie's fish stories. So, it was back to fish right, fish left, fish right and the bobbers gone again and my final fish of the trip was a nice 10" brown trout. All in all, a wonderful day on a wonderful river with a great partner and our exceptional guide Jordan Greene. An absolutely great way to end our week in Montana. And there are mountains everywhere!!



## Conservation News and Stories from Recent Club Outings and Events



### Study of invasive mussels finds PFAS is nearly everywhere in the Great Lakes (by Emilio Perez Ibarguen, from Bridge MI)

- ‘Forever chemicals’ were found in mussel tissues at 106 out of 120 sampling sites across the Great Lakes
- The highest average PFAS concentration was in Lake Michigan mussels, followed by the Niagara River, Lake Erie, Lake Ontario and the Detroit River
- Newer PFAS alternatives in the lakes represent an ‘impending storm,’ one researcher said.

Every summer throughout the mid 2010s, researchers scoured the Great Lakes in search of PFAS contamination. They took tissue samples from invasive mussels that have spread across the lakes near wastewater treatment plants, in rivers feeding into the lakes and from sites further offshore. They took samples from 120 sites in total. Results: scientists found PFAS nearly everywhere.

Those findings — published late last year by researchers at the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration and the National Centers for Coastal Ocean Sciences — are another indicator of how ubiquitous so-called “forever chemicals” have become in the environment. PFAS, or per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances, have been linked to cancer, thyroid problems and other health challenges.

While scientists have documented the substances in organisms near the bottom of the food chain, like mussels, before, this report provides the clearest picture yet of the magnitude and spatial distribution of the toxic compounds in the lakes.



The report combined data from various studies in the Great Lakes under the National Mussel Watch Program, which has tracked contaminants in the lakes since 1992. The program didn’t start tracking PFAS, however, until 2013. Mussels in Lake Michigan had the highest average concentration of PFAS, followed by sites sampled in the Niagara River, Lake Erie, Lake Ontario and the Detroit River.

Newer PFAS compounds meant to replace phased-out chemicals in manufacturing are appearing in greater numbers and could reach harmful levels sometime soon, the report found. Although these so-called “short-chained” compounds aren’t as heavily regulated as other PFAS, some evidence suggests they can persist in the environment for longer. “There is an impending storm of these short-chained components,” said Michael Edwards, a physical scientist at NOAA and one of the report’s authors. “Now there’s a need to be ahead of that storm, to do more monitoring, to do more assessments.”

### 2025 Alaska Trip Summary

(Submitted by Tom Hector)

Our annual self-guided Yakutat, Alaska trip has generated a lot of interest. This year (July 24 - August 2) Jay Labban, MFFC member, and I were joined by others from Michigan, Iowa, Montana and Texas who heard about the great Pink Salmon fishing on the Situk River. Four years ago, we were 6 fishermen, this year we grew to 11! Wading was easy as the river bottom is mostly small gravel and sand. And as long as you did not delay too long on the wrong side of the river when the tide came in!

The Pinks were plentiful with an occasional Sockeye or Dolly Varden. One photo shows the normal size of the Pinks we caught and the other picture is the largest Pink caught on this trip. Most used a fly rod with an occasional spinning rod.



Some of the group went on an off-shore charter returning with impressive catches of Rock Fish and Halibut. One of our group caught a large King Salmon on a fly which was immediately released as he did not have the required King Salmon stamp on his license. Some of the fishermen took home up to 50 pounds of Pink Salmon.

We are often asked about bears. While we often saw bear scat and prints as shown in the attached photo there was only one brief sighting when a black bear ran across the road in front of the van.



Transportation takes two days with an overnight in Seattle, Anchorage or Juneau depending on the airline and route selected. Not including elective excursions such as an ocean charter, a helicopter or fixed-wing sight-seeing flight or a guided day-long float on the Situk the per-person cost for airline, over-night, lodging, food, drinks, license, van and van gas was less than \$3,000.





## Conservation - Fly Fishers International Affiliation & Education News

### Fly Fishers International News & Announcements



Below, are the class schedule (w/ applicable class fee); \$75 fee to attend the event, in Grand Rapids, MI; for additional information, go to <https://www.flyfishersinternational.org/FlyFest>

\* cost associated to attend the presentation

On Friday, Sept 26<sup>th</sup>: here are some of the presentations:

- The Funky Stuff - Curves and Mends (Sekhar Bahadur) \*
- Tighter Loops with Video Analysis (Mary Ann Dozer) \*
- Casting Instructor Certification Exam Preparation (Jonathan Walter & Dave Barron) \*
- Roll Cast to Spey Cast (Molly Semenik) \*
- Improving Your Roll Casts for Better Presentations and Efficiency (Gary Turri) \*
- Fly Tying Skills Program (Al Ritt) free to attendees
- Deer Hair Bass Bugs (Derek Darst) \*
- Introduction to Spey Fly Tying (Gerry Worden) \*
- Fly Fishing Fundamentals: The Fly Line System, Rigging, Knots (Dick Erickson) \*
- Tips for the Aging Angler (Emily Craig)
- Improved Photography of Your Flies (Sam Matalone & Eric Austin) \*
- Fly Fishing Fundamentals: Selecting a Fly, Basic Entomology (Dick Erickson) \*
- Fish and Wildlife of a Michigan River (Kevin Feenstra) \*
- Single Hand Spey Casting (Todd Heggstad) \*
- Advanced Fly Casting (Bruce Richards) \*
- Master Fly Casting Instructor (MCI) Subsection 1B (Molly Semenik) \*
- Mayfly Mania (Ann Miller) \*
- Guiding Across the Globe: An Angler's Campfire Circle (Bryant Dunn & Katka Svagrova) \*
- Tighter Loops with Video Analysis (Mary Ann Dozer & Marion Hiller) \*
- Swinging Flies for Steelhead, Trout, and Beyond (Kevin Feenstra)

- Improving your Loop Control for Narrow, Wide and Tailing Loops (CI Exam Prep - Gary Turri) \*
- Back to Basics (Jonathan Walker & Jim Schneider) \*
- Task 19, the 6 Step Method (Bruce Richards) \*
- THCI Exam Preparation Workshop (Sekhar Bahadur & John Bilotta) \*
- Tying Classic Rangeley-style Streamers: Black Ghost and Gray Ghost (Peter Simonson) \*
- Fly Fishing Fundamentals: Fish Habitat & Behavior, Reading the Water (Dick Erickson) \*
- Understanding Hatches (Ann Miller)
- Dubbing Brushes Overview (Rick Weisber) \*
- Successful Clubs and Councils, How They Do It (Todd Heggstad & Rick Flink) \*
- Euro Nymphing (Katka Svagrova) \*
- Trout Bum to Saltwater Slayer (George Sylvestre) \*
- Matching Baitfish for Warm and Coldwater Gamefish (Kevin Feenstra) \*
- Women Just Want to Have Fun Tying Flies (Patty Lueken)

On Saturday, Sept 27<sup>th</sup>: here are some of the presentations:

- The Benefits of Casting Sidearm (Thomas Cammarata) \*
- Fly Casting Skills Development (Molly Semenik & Willy George)
- How Fly Casting Works (Bruce Richards & Noel Perkins) \*
- Tying the Hendrickson Life Cycle (Steve DeQuoy) \*
- Fly Fishing Knot Tying (Todd Heggstad) \*
- Entry Level Tying Workshop for Women (Patty Lueken & Sandra Carpenter) \*
- Fly Fishing Fundamentals: Catching, Landing, Releasing the Fish (Dick Erickson) \*
- Classic Atlantic Salmon Fly Tying: The "Benchill" (Aaron Culley) \*
- An Angler's Guide to Locating and Catching Fish in the Great Lakes (Gerald Darkes) \*
- Women Connect - How to Plan a Fly-Fishing Event (Samantha Tallyn)
- The Seven Deadly Sins-CI Exam Faults & Fixes (Sekhar Bahadur) \*
- Catch More Fish with Improved Accuracy (Molly Semenik & Thomas Cammarata) \*
- Successfully Cast Every Fly in Your Box (J.Walter) \*
- Spreading Fly Fishing Around the World: Women of Malaysia (Emily Whitlock)
- Thread Control (Barry Webster) \*
- Mentoring CI Candidates (Jonathan Walter & Andrew Manley) \*
- Understanding Freshwater Fish Behavior to Become a Better Fly Angler (Dave Peterson) \*
- Fifty Best Flies for the Upper Great Lakes (G. Darkes) \*
- Coldwater Conservation Challenges and Opportunities in NW Lower Michigan (DJ Shook & Gavin MacDonald)
- Fly Fishing Safety; Fishing Etiquette; and Handling Fish (Elizabeth Lynn Volz)
- Kayak Fishing for Redfish in the Northern Gulf (Glen Cormier)

## MFFC Events and Outings w/ Chairperson's eMail (Hyperlink)

[Hyperlink for eMail](#)

Outing and Events	Dates	Where	Chairperson(s)
AuSable River Cleanup	September 6 <sup>th</sup>	Gates AuSable Lodge (Grayling, MI)	<a href="#">Anglers of the AuSable</a>
Wisconsin Driftless Outing	September 21 <sup>st</sup> – 25 <sup>th</sup>	Nature Nooks Retreat (Viroqua, WI)	<a href="#">Jerry Deputat</a>
Ultimate Fishing Show	January 8 <sup>th</sup> – 11 <sup>th</sup> , ('26)	Suburban Showcase (Novi, MI)	<a href="#">Jim Aitken</a> / <a href="#">Jon Bada</a>
Outdoorama	February 19 <sup>th</sup> – 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Suburban Showcase (Novi, MI)	<b>TBD</b>
White River Trip #1	February 22 <sup>nd</sup> – 28 <sup>th</sup>	White River Trout Lodge (Cotter, AR)	<a href="#">Scott Freeburg</a>
White River Trip #2	March 1 <sup>st</sup> – 6 <sup>th</sup>	White River Trout Lodge (Cotter, AR)	<a href="#">Jon Bada</a>
Midwest Flyfishing Expo	March 13 <sup>th</sup> (Fri PM) – 14 <sup>th</sup> (Sat All Day)	Oakland County Expo Center (Waterford, MI)	<a href="#">Kevin Lipp</a> / <a href="#">Joe Sprys</a>
Trout Tune-Up	April 4 <sup>th</sup>	Walled Lake Outdoor Recreation Area (Walled Lake, MI)	<a href="#">James Harris</a>
Opening Day & Remembrance	April 25 <sup>th</sup>	Gates AuSable Lodge (Grayling, MI)	<a href="#">Al Haxton</a>
Membership School	April 11 <sup>th</sup>	Wayne County Community College - Ted Scott (Belleville, MI)	<a href="#">Vern White</a>
Youth School	<b>TBD</b>	<b>TBD</b>	<b>TBD</b>

### PFAS is nearly everywhere in the Great Lakes (continued from Page 5)

The results have worrying implications for the Great Lakes, which hold 21% of the world's surface freshwater, support a \$7 billion dollar fishing industry and provide drinking water for more than 30 million people.

PFAS compounds have many channels to enter the environment. They are found in a wide array of products, ranging from nonstick cookware and stain-resistant carpet to firefighting foam and automobiles. Past research shows that much of the contamination is literally raining down on the Great Lakes.

The researchers also found PFAS in mussels sampled from undeveloped areas, although the highest levels were detected adjacent to developed land and industry. Contamination wasn't as high near municipal wastewater treatment plants which are required to limit discharge of some types of PFAS. A spokesperson for the Department of Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy told Bridge Michigan that, although the agency has detected PFAS in the Great Lakes, no water supply

relying on them has been out of compliance with Michigan's PFAS limit since they went into effect in August 2020. "However, more work needs to be done by the state to encourage industry to find safe alternatives to PFAS in manufacturing", said Erica Bloom, toxic campaigns director at the Ann Arbor-based Ecology Center. Bloom added that contamination in the Great Lakes rarely stays contained in their waters. PFAS-concentrated white foam has been washing up on the shores of the Great Lakes in recent years and forms in inland lakes, rivers and streams across the state. Michigan also tripled the number of waterbodies where it says fish are no longer safe to eat due to PFAS contamination.

Tony Spaniola, who owns a home in the PFAS-polluted community of Oscoda and co-chairs the Great Lakes PFAS Action Network, said he wishes EGLE would do more about contamination in Lake Huron, though recognized that the agency is stretched thin addressing such widespread contamination. Oscoda residents struggled to grab EGLE's attention about the beach foam, eventually conducting their own tests that showed high levels of PFAS.

It's likely that any community dealing with a similar problem, Spaniola said, would need to be vocal about the contamination in their community. "People in the community have to make their voices heard with the agency to let them know they have a problem," he said.



#### **New Club Members:** Tight Lines!!

Jenelle Ferris (Farmington, MI)  
 Sam Hanna (Powell, OH)  
 Brian Hull (Beverly Hills, MI)  
 Doug Olander (Northville, MI)  
 Barun Saha (Novi, MI)  
 Emily Swan (Ypsilanti, MI)  
 Scott Szalay (Brighton, MI)  
 Stan Yolkiewicz (Troy, MI)

## Michigan Fly Fishing Club – the Back Page

Pics from Bourbon & Browns  
(submitted by Norm Tabaka)



Pics from Montana  
(submitted by Nancy Klimco)



Cascade Lake, near Canyon Village. This is a beautiful 2-mile hike from the trailhead to catch Grayling and Cutthroat on ants and hoppers.



Jen Klabunde captured this wildfire photo at Raynold's Pass coming home from YNP. The Horn Fire was determined to be caused by lightning burning 2,500 acres. People along Montana HWY 87 and south of HWY 287 were evacuated, however it did not appear that any structures were damaged upon viewing the aftermath. Smoke filled our valley overnight but cleared out after 24 hours before most of the group returned from their trip to Cooke City.



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