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## NEWSLETTER OF THE NORTH COAST FLY FISHERS

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### Second Annual Fly Tying Marathon—March 2002



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## FROM THE PRESIDENT'S QUILL



Throughout the year several Board members and I have been asked why we belong to the Federation of Fly Fishers (FFF) & the Great Lakes Council (GLC). We've been asked; "what do we (personally and as a club) get for our membership dollars?" To answer this let me first explain the hierarchy, which is FFF-GLC-NCFE.

The FFF is our parent organization that establishes the rules, guidelines and objectives for its 340+ member clubs throughout the world. Within the United States and Canada these clubs are grouped by "Councils" based on their geographic location. NCFE is part of the GLC. The FFF and the GLC provide guidance to establish and run successful clubs. The ability to utilize FFF is based upon the type of designation a club chooses, and NCFE is a 100% club which has access to all benefits and the full resources of the FFF.

One of the benefits of full membership is the rewards program. For each 15 new members that join NCFE and FFF, the FFF contributes one new fly rod to our club. There are no stipulations attached to the rod, and typically NCFE uses these rods for major fundraising activities like the December Meg Raffle. Having good quality fly rods for these fundraisers helps generate ticket sales, which means revenue for the club. This revenue is what pays for the Education and Speakers Programs throughout the year.

We also take advantage of special FFF offers throughout the year. Most recently we acquired 6 Fly Lines, 6 Leader packets and 6 spools of Tippet material at no charge to our Club, and these items have appeared throughout the year as raffle items. Additionally, because we are associated with a National Organization (FFF) and conduct formal and organized educational programs, we qualify to obtain free feathers for our Educational Program.

As a 100% Club we have access to the *Club Help* section of the FFF website. Within this section we have taken advantage of free artwork for our publications and website, Editorial help for publishing successful newsletters and promotional materials, and the new *Media Guidelines* for dealing with TV, radio and print media to draw positive attention to NCFE.

A monthly E-Mail publication sent to all officers, *Club Wire*, contains articles, commentary, quotes and humor that can be used in club newsletters. We utilize this resource each month to ensure that all 12 pages of the *Taut Line* are filled with information for all our members to read each and every month. Each member also receive a quarterly publication, the "Flyfisher," as part of their membership dues.

The GLC is our regional Council that bridges the gap between our local club and the national headquarters, and can deliver answers and solutions to routine club issues pertaining to policy and procedures. We currently have three NCFE members serving on the GLC Board of Directors and a fourth serving as the Editor of their newsletter, the *GLC FLYLINE*. This organization operates at a grass roots level in dealing with the member clubs. The *GLC FLYLINE* is our Council's quarterly publication that we receive as part of our FFF membership, and deals mainly with regional issues and events.

The NCFE Club offers many benefits to its members. First, the low annual dues we pay for a membership is almost unheard of today. (Good stewardship within the club's leadership keeps this cost low.) We provide the *Taut Line* newsletter 10 times each year, an Internet Web Site, Education programs (Fly Tying, Casting and Gearing up), Speakers, Events (Conclave, Fly Tying Marathon and Picnic) and an opportunity to meet with, talk to, and share information and experiences with other Fly Fishers.

When you add up the three elements of FFF, GLC and NCFE, we have a very unique and successful entity. Taking any one of the three elements out of the equation diminishes the entire structure because of the value each adds to the other. It's important to look at all three components, not just the one that appears to be the best bargain or the most costly, or least noticeable.

Our Local Club (NCFE) is successful because of its membership, leadership and it's ability to rely on a successful national organization (FFF) and a proactive regional organization (GLC).

Donald R. Van Buren

## APRIL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Wednesday, April 3, 2001  
 Penitentiary Glen Reservation  
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Beginner Fly Tying with Bill Swanson starts at 6:30.

April's Favorite Fly will be tied by:  
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**Floyd N. Franke**

A former College Dean and High School Guidance Counselor, Floyd now lives and works along the Beaverkill River in upstate New York where he operates his own guide service, *Ephemera*, and teaches at the Wulff School of Fly Fishing. His extensive background in education and his passion for fly fishing have made him a sought after teacher and presenter. Floyd is also an accomplished fly tyer with more than forty national and international awards to his credit. His fly tying creations have appeared in such popular magazines as *Fly Fisherman*, *American Angler*, and *Fly Fishing*.

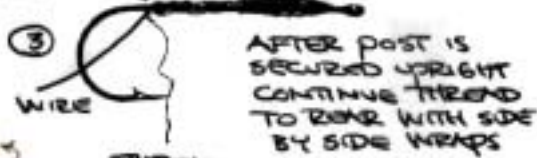
Floyd is the co-founder of The Catskill Fly Tyers Guild, a Life member of The Federation of Fly Fishers, Chairman of the Casting Board of Governors, and a past recipient of the North Eastern Council of the Federation of Fly Fisher's Elsie and Harry Darbee Memorial Fly Tying Award.

*NCFF Favorite Fly*  
*The Hi Vis Parachute Hopper*  
*Tied By Noel Durdt*

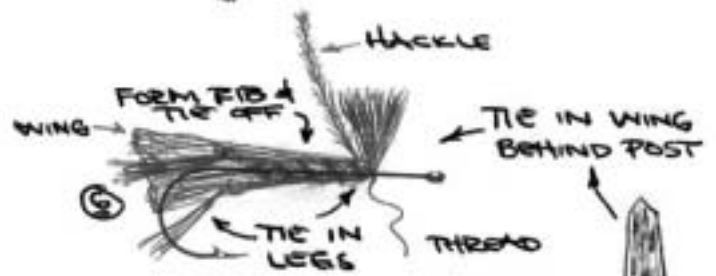
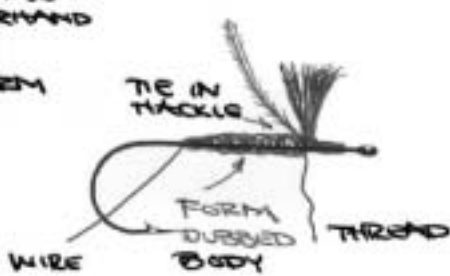
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*Noel Durdt*  
3-16-02

## NOMINATING COMMITTEE APPOINTED

At the March Board meeting, the following were appointed to the Nominating Committee for the current year: George Vosmik, Andy Sedlak, Scott Poffinberger and Frank Frisina. Their assignment is to nominate a slate for next year's Board of Directors for the Club. Any member in good standing can be nominated for Board Membership. If you are willing to serve and perform the duties associated with Board membership you should contact George Vosmik as soon as possible.

The slate of nominees will be announced at the Board meeting on April 10, 2002. Additional nominations will be accepted at the May 1, 2002 Membership meeting, provided the nominee is willing to serve. The election of Board Members will take place that night.

At the Board meeting of May 8, 2002, the Nominating Committee will announce the nominations for Officers. The Board will then elect the officers of the Club. They will take office at the June 12, 2002 Board Meeting.

*George Vosmik*

### WWW.NCFF.NET—Update

In the first 21 days of March, our website received more than 1800 "hits" on the server. We have had visitors from all across the U.S., Canada, the United Kingdom, Turkey and Asia. I guess there are fly fishermen wherever you go. The most popular pages viewed... the picture gallery & the flies page. Send me more pictures & patterns to: [webmaster@ncff.net](mailto:webmaster@ncff.net).

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## Grand Prize Winners 2002 NCFF Conclave

The grand prize fly tying bench was won by the Father-Son team of Jeff and Cory Lorenzi. The tying bench was hand made by Andy Setlock, and is sure to become an heirloom in the Lorenzi family.

"Congratulations," Jeff and Cory, from the North Coast Fly Fishers.



Jeff & Cory Lorenzi— Tying Bench Winners



John Marics with a nice hen caught in March drifting a Gold Ribbed Hare's Ear Nymph..

### State of the Club Report

In the monthly Presidents Column this month I explained the value associated with belonging to the Federation of Fly Fishers (FFF), the Great Lakes Council (GLC) and the North Coast Fly Fishers (NCFE). Let me take a moment and report on the current status of our Club.

Our financial condition is currently very stable and improved. The NCFE Board of Directors has been very successful in planning, controlling expenses, and generating revenue. The three cornerstones of our club, Education, Guest Speakers and the Taut Line newsletter, have continued uninterrupted.

Our Education programs maintain a peak level of performance, and the high attendance at these programs reflects that quality. The Basic Fly Tying program continues and gives us a major opportunity to recruit and train new members in fly tying, and our Favorite Fly program remains very popular thanks to our member volunteers. The exchange of ideas, patterns and stories at our successful Fly Tying Marathon has continued to support our Educational efforts on fly tying, but we still need to address education of our younger members, as they are the future of our Club. At our 2002 Conclave we presented four additional educational programs: Beginning Fly Tying, Gearing up for Trout, Beginning Fly Fishing and Steelhead Tactics. We have had one casting clinic (Conclave) and have another scheduled for our Annual Picnic. We are currently looking at developing additional Educational programs such as Knot Tying from the reel spool backing to the Fly, and other topics associated with Fly Fishing.

We have had, and will continue to have, speakers at seven of our ten meetings. We will continue to present the September "Gearing up program", the March Annual Fly Tying Marathon and our June Picnic. We are investigating/negotiating with some huge names in our sport Jack Gartside, Dave Whitlock, Barry and Cathy Beck, Bob Clouser, Dennis Potter, etc., for next years program. Hopefully we will bring a diversified program on Fly Fishing/Fly Tying to our members, covering several fish species, both local and out of state.

The Taut Line newsletter has grown in quality, content and additional advertisers, and we have recently added our new website, www.ncff.net, as an additional communications, information, and recruitment tool. We are looking at ways to recognize our members for their Fishing and Fly Tying prowess as well as noting their contribution, be it time, effort or resources to our Club.

The current Board has directed much of its time and effort to improving, organizing, planning and implementing existing and new programs including, but not limited to, budgets, sponsor acquisition, speaker acquisition, outings, events, new programs (recently added a Donations Ad Hoc Committee to review and make recommendations for donations), and many paperwork items associated with the everyday operations of our Club.

We are looking at the viability of a "Fly Girls component within our Club", a possible membership for our Club to the Pine Lakes Trout Club, a Club Collaboration program, a more extensive outings program and a "buddy program" for NCFE members to meet go fishing or fly tying. We are reviewing developing more hands-on programs such as net making, rod building/repairs, etc., and have established the new traditions of Annual Fly Plate and Fly Tying Marathon. Hopefully we can add more.

This club is dependent on its members and their contributions of time, effort and knowledge. We can do more if more people are willing to get involved. Please consider volunteering for the Board of Directors or on a committee for a new or existing program. It only works if we all work together.

Donald R. Van Buren



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## Found...

One adjustable Headband with magnifier lens, after the NCFE Fly Tying Marathon March 6, 2002. If this belongs to you call Don Van Buren at (440) 635-1165 or see him at the next NCFE Members meeting in April.

### FFF AWARDS ANNOUNCEMENT FOR 2002

Each year the Federation of Fly Fishers presents various awards to individuals and groups who promote the goals and ideals of the FFF. The program relies on the input of our members and clubs to nominate organizations and individuals for these awards. This awards program is a way for the FFF to recognize the accomplishments of our leaders, members and clubs whether it be in the field of conservation, education, fly tying, literature or innovations in our tackle and techniques. There are people out there doing outstanding jobs that benefit the FFF and our membership, this is your chance to see that they are recognized for their efforts.

There have been several changes made to the nominating procedures to make it easier for the Awards Committee to make their decisions. Probably the most important is that letters of nomination need to be limited to 4 pages for all of the award categories. Also important is the biographical information needed on each nominee. We will be accepting letters of nomination electronically provided they come as a MS Word attachment. Letters of nomination or support can be e-mailed to [valfly@open.org](mailto:valfly@open.org)

Listed on the website are the Awards Procedures and Program and the Awards Criteria. Please take time to read this information and make nominations for individuals or groups that you feel fit the specific criteria. The deadline for all nominations is May 6, 2002. <http://www.fedflyfishers.org/awards2002.htm>

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## Two For One

By Tom Conklin, NCFF

Spring...when a young man's heart and mind turns to the romantic possibilities of...trout!! Everywhere, there are trout, coming up and down the stream, under foot, in the shallows, sight casting as if he were on the bonefish flats of the Bahamas. And after a bitter Northeast Ohio winter, 50 degrees feels like exactly that. Balmy breezes blow out of the South, shirt sleeves roll up and he stows the fleece, usually unwashed in the closet until the following Fall when he discovers a science project has taken up residence in his under clothing. Never mind, there's fish in them thar streams!! Too many at times and too easy if that can be possible. After suffering the treacherous ice of winter and the dry spate of weather that was accused of being autumn 2001, he is only too happy, giddy in fact to be found streamside in search of the spring run.

It was a day, not unlike that just described when I found myself on a stretch of water, common in nature and familiar to all, and I mean all, when I discovered the beauty and joy that can inflate a man's estimations of his own expertise. But then, what are trout waters for, but to provide the fertile soil from which we sprout larger than life tales of skill, mastery and just plain dumb luck, though we'll never admit that. I was not alone that day. Other anglers plied their craft. Some known to me, some known to you, some just wandering about the shores with glazed, glassy eyes amazed at the bounty bestowed upon our humble destination. Seems black wooly buggers were the ticket that day. Couldn't seem to do anything wrong with this simplest of flies. Couldn't have had enough of them either. That's how it goes it seems, what's working is what I haven't tied lately, always a day late and a dollar short. So what I lacked in the fly box, I made up for with prayer. Prayer for no more foul hooks, under water snags, lay downs, sharp rocks and all the other nefarious interruptions that lay in wait beneath the line of sight, anticipating my drift and the unspeakable things they might do with an unsuspecting hook drifting aimlessly by. Never mind, there were trout in there and I was aiming to catch a few. And catch we did. Seems those fish were placing orders with a short order chef for nothing but black and then coming up to the kitchen to retrieve it themselves. Hardly had to serve them they were so eager. A little guilty I felt. Hell, this is no sport, no skill here. Like fish in a barrel. I cast, they take, we go for a ride. How cooperative. How symbiotic. What a waltz we danced. Never had I experienced such success, and of course all due to my masterful skill at fly preparation and presentation, not to mention stealth. Yea, right!!

Well, it was one such fish I danced with who pirouetted down river numerous times. I would bring him back only to have him turn at the sight of me and head lake bound. We continued this little game, as if on a yo-yo and finally I ended up in pursuit, stumbling over river rock, slick with oily decaying moss. I had moved quite a distance down stream as we continued this two steps forward, one step back choreography for some time. When I finally felt as if the song was coming to a close, I unleashed my net from the back of my vest. Fooled yet again by the strength and stamina of these magnificent fish, the net, now hanging limp at my side, trailing from its tether to the side of my vest and dragging in the water, prepared itself for the eventual plunge. Finally, my dance partner played himself out and was willingly coming to hand, when what to my wondering eyes did appear but his kindred spirit, already net bound but by no skill or hook of my own. Feeling weight tugging at my vest I was confused about how I managed to land this fish and still have it on the line. A curious glance down revealed that I not only had a fish on the line, but another in the net, apparently captured while I was maneuvering downstream to fetch his partner who had mistaken my fly for a minnow.

That is the way it is in the spring time, too many fish to catch on just one line, so we just net them, or rather, they net themselves. It's inevitable. He was bound to be caught sooner or later, so why not just get it over with and swim into the waiting knots of a net swinging from a friendly anglers hip. Little known to them, they would both be granted dispensation and set free to complete their biological imperative.

## Lake County Steelhead Classic - 2002

By: Joe Valencic, NCFF

On March 20, 2002, the Lake County Visitors Bureau, Lake Metroparks and The News-Herald newspaper co-hosted this annual media event for 16 Midwest outdoors writers, and Ohio's Lt. Gov., Maureen O'Connor. I was pleased to know that our Lt. Gov. is such a friend of the outdoors, and fishing in particular.

It was a great promotion for this wonderful fishery on the tributaries of Lake Erie, and a tribute to fly fishing as well, as most of the writers (the Lt. Gov. included) were testing their skills against these great fish with their fly rods. Many of them tied their own flies specifically for this trip, and everyone managed to catch at least one of our "silver bullets" while fishing the Grand and Chagrin Rivers.

Last year Laszlo Zala was one of the local angler-guides for this event, but he was unable to make it this year because of previous commitments. Laszlo recommended me to Jeff Frischkom of The News-Herald to take his place, and I was privileged to spend the day with John Tertuliani from Columbus, Ohio.

John has been a part-time freelance writer for a variety of outdoor publications since 1988, and writes about all facets of hunting and fishing throughout Ohio. When he's not writing, John works as a biologist for the U.S. Geological Survey's Water Resources Division, and was previously with the Ohio Division of Wildlife. His work with stream studies, aquaculture and fisheries stocking programs made him a fascinating partner to fish with all day.

I told John that we would be sight-fishing groups of steelhead spawning in fast, shallow water, and that we needed to be stealthy to not spook them. John had only fished once before for steelhead in October of 2001 (he caught one fish the entire day), and was eager to get on stream at first light to try his luck again. He tied some flies specifically for this trip, and I gave him a sampling of some flies that have been very effective for me lately to add to his mix. We went to an area I scouted the day before, and his first steelhead was hooked up within a few casts on one of his own flies. His reaction was something to behold as the line went screaming from his reel and the fish headed back towards Lake Erie. The fish soon came unhooked, but there was no removing the smile from John's face. He had hooked into a silver bullet, fought it on a fly rod with one of his own flies, and wanted more of that adrenalin-producing action. It wasn't too many casts later that he was into a first-year 'skipper' about 15" long which he skillfully brought alongside his leg and scooped up with one hand to unhook and release it back to the water. You guessed it, more grins! John got into lots of fish that day, and was able to take many memories home. (I'll bet he dreams of steelies for a month!)

We were fortunate to be fishing close to Lt. Gov. O'Connor, and got to see her first hook-up on her second cast, but after a couple of head shakes it broke off. O'Connor was being guided by Phil Hillman from ODNR's Division of Wildlife, and eventually she was able to land her first steelhead. Hillman said: "She sure doesn't need much instruction. She's doing an excellent job without me."



A nice steelhead caught the afternoon of  
The Steelhead Classic 2002

It was a thrill to be part of a day that will soon be written about all over the Midwest, and exciting to be around some of the Midwest's best outdoors writers and Ohio's Lt. Governor. I was able to talk to a couple of writers about North Coast Fly Fishers (NCFF) and the educational and speaker programs we supply to our members. I was told that our club should be proud of what we do for the hobby and for the hobbyists in our area, because not all clubs do it as well as we do. I expressed that we were proud of our success, and we continue to work to improve our programs so we can be even better in the future.

It was a great experience and I hope to be asked back for next year's event.

### THE TROUT THAT CLIMBED A TREE

There's this fellow I met making through my favorite run, just above the Whiskey Creek Pool. Actually, I hear him before I see him. He's thrashing about in the water and hollering. I can hear him way up by the hatchery fence, though I can't quite make out what he is saying. It sounds like, "[Something or other]... to blazes! Into the trees *again*..."

I walk down along the trail until I'm above him on the bank. He's standing at the top of the pool, tying on a new leader. I stand there and watch him for a few minutes. "Stirring anything up?" I ask him finally. He doesn't seem to hear me, so I raise my voice a little and ask again, "Move anything this morning?"

He gives a start and looks up at me. "Jeez!" he gasps. "I didn't realize you were there." His voice sounds a little odd, and for a moment I think he might be drunk, but then I notice he has the tip of his tongue caught in the blood knot. He gives a little tug, frees himself, spits a couple of times, then tightens his knot. "Been standing there long?" he asks.

"Just got here," I tell him. "Sounded like you were having a little trouble with the bushes on the far side."

"Salmonberries," he says and starts patting his pockets. "No, no. It's the goddamn trout. Every one I catch takes me into the trees." He pulls his clippers down on their little string and looks up at me again. "You got any Triple X on you? I'm running low on tippets."

"I never could get that business double and triple X stuff straight," I confess, "but I got everything from 20 pound test on down to 2. Will that do?"

"Give me some six pound test," he says. "That'll do just fine. I appreciate it." He wades ashore, and I hand the reel of mono. He clips himself a length from it.

I glance upstream. It's fall, but the water is still low. "Trout took you into the trees?" I say. "Whereabouts?"

"Along the bank," he says, glancing up from his knot. "Way the hell back into the trees. Pardon my French."

I must look a bit skeptical, because he stops twisting his leaders for a moment and looks me straight in the eye. "You're right," he says. "I wouldn't believe it myself, if I hadn't seen it. It's them tree climbin' trout. They are the toughest little sonsabitches to bring in. I've had three on today, and each one's the same thing. Bam! He hits the fly. You get time to say to yourself, 'Hmmm, nice fish!' Next thing you know, he's up the tree--you're wrapped around a twig, and pop! He's gone like weasels."

"Tree climbing trout? I never heard of such a thing," I tell him.

"Yup," he says, "Salmo arbutus, they call 'em. Means just what I said--tree climbin' trout. Pretty rare. Hell, the reg's don't even mention 'em. Most scientists don't believe in 'em. But they're real." He points down at his feet. "They're here. They *love* these small, bushy streams. I been fishin' 'em for years."

"Ever catch one?" I ask him.

"Caught 'em? Oh, yeah. Caught hundreds of 'em! But I never brought one in. Fight like hell! More fun than snaggin' a log, or draggin in one o' them great ballsa' moss off the bottom!"

"I'll bet they are," I nod.

He squints his eyes at me and cocks his head. "You don't believe me, do you?"

"Sure!" I say, "I believe you. I believe anything!"

"Look," he says, and he starts patting his pockets. "Like I told you, I been fishin' for 'em for years. I know what gets 'em." He jerks his thumb upstream. "I'm pretty well done here. Have a go yourself. Start at the top of the run and work your way down." He finally locates a battered old green metal fly box, pops the lid open and hands me a fly. "Try this--my own design. Fish 'er deep, right under the bushes. Drag 'er crosswise across the flow. I call 'er the moss-backed muddler."

I thank him and say I'll try it. Then I go back up the trail. It's a pretty fly, I'll give him that much. So I tie it on and toss it out. One, two, three casts, each one a little farther, until I am reaching across the stream. I start to work my way down.

About 50 or 60 feet below me, a cutthroat breaks the surface. I think, "I'll try for him when I get down that far."

I gather my line and flip it out. I watch as it snakes across the stream, right into a dark green slot that ran under some overhanging cedar branches. I toss a loop or two to sink the fly, then let the river catch the line and tum the fly crosswise to the current. Bam! The rod doubles over and my reel starts screaming. I lift the rod tip up, and a trout--I swear it was as long as my arm--okay, maybe not--but longer than my wrist to the elbow--jumps clear of the water, grabs one of the overhanging branches with his fins and starts to shimmy upward. I can't believe what I'm seeing! Except instead of running downstream like a normal trout, it's running up--like a squirrel--up! For a moment, I just stand there, stunned. By the time I think to tip the rod sideways to pull him free, it's too late. He's gone. He's wrapped me up, the fly has come out, and just like that, he leaves me standing there feeling like an idiot--with my line firmly attached to the cedar tree. It's the only moss-backed muddler I have, so I wade across the stream to retrieve it, rather than risk trying to pull it free. I look downstream. From the bottom of the run, my friend is watching. He shrugs his shoulders, shakes his head and spits.

I know that my wading has disturbed every fish in top end of the run by now, but I fish on through anyhow. It doesn't seem to matter. Three more fish I hit, each one the same as the first. They leave me hanging: once on a half-sunken log, once in a salmon-berry bush, and the last one runs back upstream into that first overhanging cedar. No matter what I do, the end result is the same--a gone fish and high overhead, a tangled fly.

Well, that's the story, and I wouldn't blame you for dismissing it all as a pack of lies. I didn't beach a single fish, and I can't even prove that I touched any. The only thing I can say is this: if you look into my old green fly box, I can show you the missing fly.

## 2nd Annual Chagrin River Cleanup

Saturday, May 4, 2002 - 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.



CRSA member cooking hot dogs.

This year's cleanup is once again being spearheaded by Laszlo Zala, NCFE member and owner of the popular steelhead fishing websites [Noodlebagger.com](http://Noodlebagger.com) and [SteelheadAlley.com](http://SteelheadAlley.com). We will meet at Daniels Park in Willoughby to form teams and get assigned a section of river to cleanup.

This is a cooperative effort with [SteelheadAlley.com](http://SteelheadAlley.com), the North Coast Fly Fishers (NCFE), the Chagrin River Salmon Association (CRSA), and Grand River Tackle, all of whom participated in last year's very successful event. A small mountain of trash (see picture below) was collected that included everything from styrofoam cups and bait containers to truck tires and hot water tanks. The trash was deposited at Daniels Park in Willoughby, and the City of Willoughby took care of hauling it to the dump. CRSA brought their grill and supplied hot dogs and pop for everyone, and a lot of new friendships were made that day.

To participate in this year's event, sign up at the April members meeting or send an E-Mail to [Webmaster@ncff.net](mailto:Webmaster@ncff.net) and we'll put your name on the list. Let us know if you have a truck and would be willing to use it to transport trash from the pick-up points along the river, back to the drop-off point at Daniels Park.

Last year's event had 32 people participating, and we're hoping to do much better than that this year. We were able to cover the river from the dam at Daniels Park downstream to the Route 2 bridge with those volunteers, and this year we hope to cover much more area with your help. If you cannot attend, please pass this message along to a friend who may want to help. This event is for everyone who enjoys the river, not just fishermen, and everyone is welcome to help out.



Some of last year's volunteers.

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### Fly Special Program

By: Andy Setlock

I would like to thank the following NCFE members who have tied flies for our program:

Andy Setlock - Trout Flies

Mike Skoczen - Trout Flies

Brett McKay - Trout Flies

## Schedule Of Upcoming NCFE Events

<u>DATE</u>	<u>DESCRIPTION</u>	<u>PLACE/TIME</u>
April 3, 2002	Membership Meeting Beginner Fly Tying Favorite Fly—Les Ober Guest Speaker—Floyd N. Franke	Penitentiary Glen 6:30 PM 6:30 PM 8:00 PM
April 10, 2002	Board Meeting	Penitentiary Glen 7:00 PM
May 1, 2002	Membership Meeting Beginner Fly Tying Favorite Fly—Dave Tolhurst Guest Speaker	Penitentiary Glen 6:30 PM 6:30 PM 8:00 PM
May 8, 2002	Board Meeting	Penitentiary Glen 7:00 PM

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