

THE LOOP



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Wednesday,
April 20 at The Sixth
Floor of the Ramada,
Downtown South
Bend.

SJRFFF APRIL AUCTION

Ever wonder where the money to bring in a speaker like Kelly Galloup or Loren Williams comes from? Or how the Club funds tying classes, conservation projects, or donations for the trout rearing project? Well it wasn't all your dues or the monthly raffles. Most of our annual funding for the Club's expenses comes from our annual auction. And this year's auction is April 20th on the 6th floor of the Chase Bank building in downtown South Bend.

The Auction is a great chance for you to acquire unique items like an autographed book by Jimmy Carter or Arnold Palmer, or a guided fishing trip with Bear Andrews, Kevin Feenstra or John Holsten. Dave Goodrich has again offered his services as auctioneer.

If you haven't been to the Auction it's a lot of fun. You never know what will show up for bid. Some members offer to take you on a fishing trip on local waters. We will have items or discount certificates donated by major tackle companies including Thomas & Thomas, Winston, FishPond, Simms, Lamson, Patagonia, St. Croix, Bauer Reels, Oasis Fly Tying Benches, Renzetti, Lamiglas, Aqua

Design, Creek Company, Eagle Claw, Powell, CreekNuts, FlyDeal Flies, Jim Teeny and others. Some of the items donated by members are hand crafted items. Some are goofy things and some are pretty useful.

This year the auction will have four activities, a \$5 dollar a ticket raffle table, 8 silent auctions, a 52 card raffle for first pick of any item and the general auction. The \$5 raffle table will have over 70 items to pick from including 30 bags of fly tying supplies that the family of Dave Fuller donated to the club. Each package will have \$10 to \$30 worth of materials in it so they are well worth a \$5 dollar ticket. The silent auctions will give you an opportunity to acquire rods, reels or other tackle at a serious discount.

You can support the auction by coming out and bidding, and then bidding some more. Bring a friend, bring whatever good usable item that you can donate or just bring your wallet. Remember the better the auction the better we can be as a club. Thanks for your help.

Jim Lothary



OK enough of winter; time for it to warm up and do some real hard-core fishing. With that in mind it is time for the annual SJRVFF auction and there are plenty of items to help get your fish on. There are some very nice rods, flies and guide trips. There are great certificates for gear and always the gently used fishing items from members that get recycled to other members. Please bring a friend and please be as generous as you can. Bargain shopping is for the retail stores; donations are from the heart.

I know you all know how important our auction is to the success of our club, but I will say it again. We cannot have the quality speakers, educational programs, tying sessions, outings and conservation projects without the contributions of our members and any non-members who want to support us. The biggest contribution is the items you bring to help raise the funds we need to keep going. Donate some flies you tied, an old vest you've out grown. Reels, rods and other fishing items, art work, books and such. Or just put a certificate in allowing someone to redeem it for a fishing trip with you. Also remember as a non-profit, your donations and contributions are tax deductible and SJRVFF can provide receipts.

See you at the auction.

As you all know I am a photographer, so in lieu me jabbering on; here are three of my favorite images.

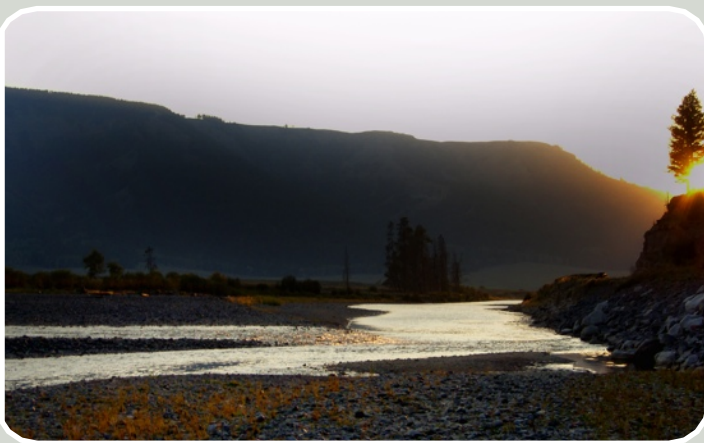


Image 1 – Yellowstone Montana - after a day of fishing the northern section of the park, with Terry Wittorp and the other boys from KVCTU, the sun sets over the confluence of the Soda Butte Creek and the Lamar River come together. The wine after sunset was as good as the fishing.

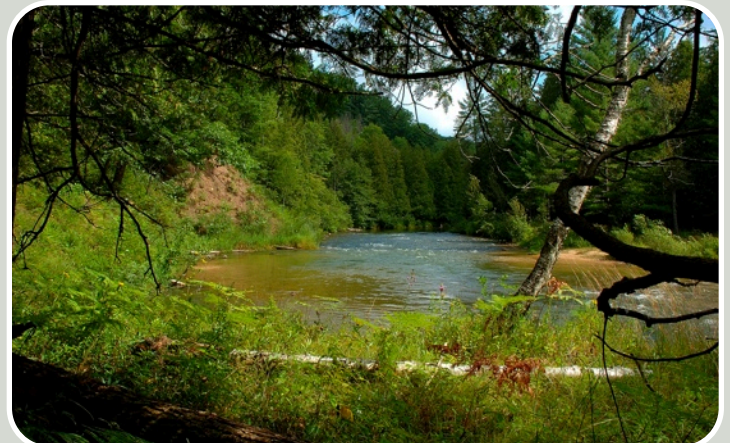


Image 2 – Somewhere in Michigan – I will not say where this spot is but is one I visit almost every year. It invokes the wildness of Michigan that once was and for a brief moment still remains.

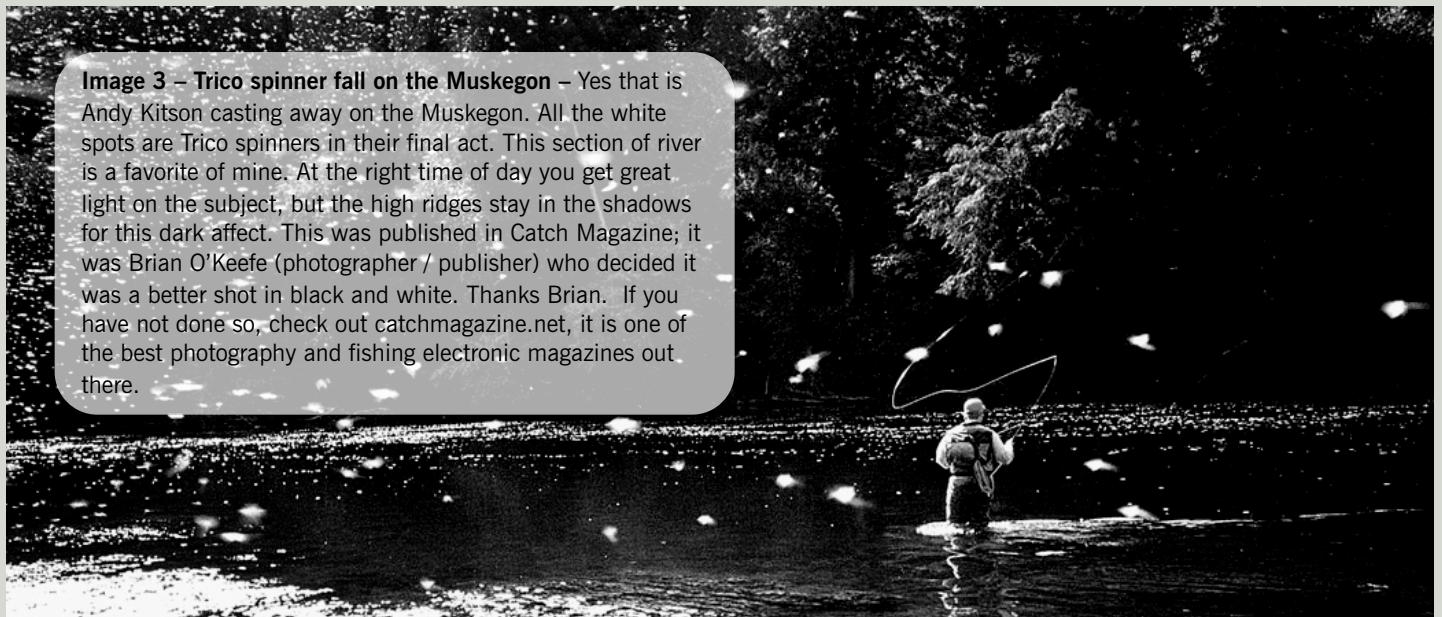


Image 3 – Trico spinner fall on the Muskegon – Yes that is Andy Kitson casting away on the Muskegon. All the white spots are Trico spinners in their final act. This section of river is a favorite of mine. At the right time of day you get great light on the subject, but the high ridges stay in the shadows for this dark affect. This was published in Catch Magazine; it was Brian O'Keefe (photographer / publisher) who decided it was a better shot in black and white. Thanks Brian. If you have not done so, check out catchmagazine.net, it is one of the best photography and fishing electronic magazines out there.

MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL TIME!

Membership renewal dues can be paid at the club meetings or by mail to:

SJRVFF
P.O. Box 933
South Bend, IN 46624

- The dues are \$20.00 for individuals and \$35.00 for a family membership. We would like to get all the renewals processed before the end of January 2011 so that membership cards and club rosters can be distributed in March.
- Anyone who joined the club after September 1st, 2010 is automatically covered for the year 2011.

BYOB

Due to a temporary technicality with its liquor license, The Cellar Door can no longer serve alcoholic beverages until further notice. Members of SJRVFF may bring in their own alcohol to consume. The Cellar Door regrets this and will inform us when the license is reinstated. As always, please drink responsibly.

SPRING RAFFLE

Ok, we all won rods from the monthly club meetings now it is time to use them. This year's Opening Day raffle will be a full day guided trip for two with Kevin Feenstra on the Muskegon River and a night's stay for two at the Tree House Bed and Breakfast in Newaygo. This gives you and a buddy time to really fish one of the great rivers of our region. Tickets are one ticket for \$5.00, three tickets for \$10.00 and six tickets for \$20.00. See Tim Pote 574-261-1586or timpscrap@gmail.com or Todd Ezzell 574-202-0255, m3plus2@hotmail.com for your chance to hook up a Muskegon monster. You do not need to be present to win. The winning ticket will be pulled at the Opening Day Outing at the LaBar Farm on April 30th. Good Luck!

APRIL MEETING DETAILS:

Doors open at 6:30 PM meal at 7:00, Meeting starts about 7:30.

Location: Sixth floor of the Ramada in the Chase Building Downtown South Bend, 213 W. Washington Ave.

Parking in the attached garage is free.

Meal cost \$13.00 per person.

MENU

Rotisserie Chicken

Pork Tenderloin

Boursin Mashed Potatoes

Fresh Green Beans

Assorted Desserts

Mixed Green Salad



Northwest Indiana Fly Fishing Castapalooza

In Conjunction with St. Joe River Valley Fly Fishers

Saturday April 16, 2011

Photo by Jim Linehan



Free of charge and open to the public!

- ➔ Try out the latest in fly rods, lines, and more!
- ➔ Get help & instruction from the experts!
- ➔ Ask questions and get answers!
- ➔ Learn a variety of techniques and rigging!



A celebration of fly casting, equipment, and fly tying

- ~ Ongoing Fly Casting Programs: Single, Switch and Two Hand Rods.
- ~ Featuring regionally-known fly casting instructors and pro anglers Jeff Liskay, Jerry Darkes and guests.
- ~ Fly tying demos by top local tiers.
- ~ Displays by local retailers. Equipment from top manufacturers: Scientific Anglers, Scott Fly Rods, Nautilus Reels, Patagonia, Echo, Freedom Hawk Kayaks and more.

Saturday April 16, 2011

9:00 AM- 3:00 PM

On the St. Joe River at Leeper Park in South Bend, Indiana.

For additional information and directions, please visit the SJRVFF website:

<http://www.sjrvff.com/>

UPCOMING EVENTS



	APRIL 16	APRIL 20	APRIL 30	MAY 18
	Castapalooza 9:00am - Leeper Park	Club Meeting Club Auction! 6:30pm - The Cellar Door	Opening Day!! LaBar Farm - Cassopolis 8:00am	Club Meeting Spring Outing 6:30pm - Elkhart Con. Club Little Cabin

FISH ENVY.... TATER & SKI

Eric Wroblewski and John Carr managed to do very well despite the less than ideal steelhead conditions this year...



ECHO DONATES POLE SAW TO SJRVFF

Stan Suski of Granger Lawnmower presenting the donation of a pole saw to Larry Schmitt to use for our conservation projects.

Many thanks to Stan and the Echo Corporation for your donation.



OPENING DAY OUTING

The SJRVFF Opening Day Outing will take place on Saturday, April 30th at Bobbie LaBar's farm on Dowagiac Creek. This is an all day event - there will be coffee & doughnuts for the early birds at 8:00 a.m., and lunch will be served at noon. Lunch will be provided by the club, along with water & soda. The club will not be providing beer or wine - you'll have to bring your own. **The drawing for Feenstra Guide Trip will take place at 1:30 p.m.**



To get to the LaBar farm from South Bend, take either M-60 or M-62 to Cassopolis, MI. Then take O'Keefe Road north out of town for several miles. Right after you cross the creek turn left onto Engle Street. The farm will be about a mile or so down on the left side of the street. You can also take M-60 to the traffic light in downtown Cassopolis, MI Then take M62 North and West 4.1 miles to LaGrange. Immediately north of LaGrange M62 veers to the west – go straight on Twin Lakes Road .4 miles to Engle St., turn east (right) on Engle .9 miles to Sleepy Hollow Farm. The address is 23683 Engle St.

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MAY 2011 MEETING...

May Outing at the Little Building of the Elkhart Conservation Club.

This May's meeting will again be held at the Elkhart Conservation Club's small building. The club will provide food and there will be a FREE raffle. Make sure to bring a rod with you (3 wt.) if you would like to do some fishing on site at Cobus Creek. We will also have fly tying and casting demos, and of course, a guest speaker. Hope to see you there!



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