

THE

LOOP



Andy Kitson, Editor



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

SJRVFF WELCOMES JEFF 'BEAR' ANDREWS

**Michigan Native and One of the Most Innovative
Fly Tyers of Our Time**

SJRVFF is pleased to bring back Jeff "Bear" Andrews. Michigan Native and one of the most innovative fly tyers of our time. Co-Owner of www.Goldenbonefish.com guide service as well as pro-staff member for USCarp Pro. Bear is always a wonderful speaker and club favorite.



Bear Andrews



Landing my first salmon on the St. Joe took some time. I would not have become the fly fisher that I am today without the guidance of a few people in the club; especially Marshall Jacobsen. I remember him guiding me out in the river at Leeper, showing me what redds look like, and how to spot the big fish moving in. It took some time, but with an obsession and time on the water; I finally stuck a fish late one evening.

Karen, my wife, was very upset. She had no inclination of the obsession in side me or the persistence of "one more cast" to try to bring one of these big stinkies to hand. And so it began...and today - the road goes on forever and the party never ends.

Years back, I decided to give back the same way Marshall did for me years back. Taking others fishing, showing them the where's, when's and how's of this sport. It is just as big a kick as it is to bring a fish to hand. Do get me wrong, I often fish alone I often sneak off to secret spots wanting to be alone; but I try to balance with taking newbies along for the ride and the party. Some of my best memories are experiencing others landing their first fish. There are new people in the club, there are a bunch of young adults in the Notre Dame Fishing Club; show them the ropes.

As the road goes on and the party never ends....pass it on.

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Billy Vail and a well hooked salmon

NOVEMBER MEETING - JORDAN CARTER

After graduating from Purdue, Jordan Carter grabbed the rods and headed north. After traversing the wilds of Alaska, he is back to share his tales and experience of the last frontier..oh yeah and a few fish stories.



HOT NEW S#!% (STUFF)

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GLC Fly Tying Expo

Saturday, 3 December 2011

EXPO HOURS – Open to public: 9am to 4pm

TYER AND VENDOR SET UP TIMES: Fri. – Dec 2, from 5–7 pm and Sat. – Dec 3 from 7–8:45 AM. Please be set up by 8:45 AM on Saturday. Stop at the registration table to check in and pick up your nametag and table plate.

A tyer reception will be held on Friday night – Location to be determined. Check ffgfc.org in October.

Tyers are provided with a white covered table and a folding chair. The tables will be 6 foot with 1 tyer per table. You may want to bring a more comfortable chair of your own. Bring your own lamp and 12ft (minimum) extension cord. The tables are 2 ½ inches thick....take this in consideration by using a pedestal vise or some extension of the work surface to make sure you can use your vise!! (board and c-clamp...or other imaginative devices)

Tyers will be admitted to the show at no charge. Guests and relatives attending must pay the admission fee. The event is the main fundraiser for the GLC of the FFF. Please, only one tyer per table and stay until 4pm.

For Info, Go to: www.ffgfc.org

MEETING INFO:

Wednesday October 20, 2011

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.

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.

MENU:

Blackend Swai
Rice
Green Bean Almondine
Rolls
Salad or Dessert

Bring a friend... Hope to see you there.

SIXTH ANNUAL TIE-A-THON

Tie-A-Thon to Benefit Casting for Recovery-Indiana.

South Bend, Indiana - On March 3rd

members of St. Joseph River Valley Fly Fishers, a Federation of Fly Fishers associate club; members of Kalamazoo Valley Chapter of Trout Unlimited; members of Little Elkhart Trout Unlimited and many others will come together to tie flies for Casting for Recovery of Indiana.

All the flies from the Sixth Annual Tie-A-Thon will be distributed to Casting for Recovery - Indiana. Through fly fishing and fly tying education. CFR is dedicated to the physical and emotional rehabilitation of ladies with breast cancer.

Casting for Recovery provides fly-fishing retreats specifically tailored for women who have or have had breast cancer. CFR seeks to enhance the lives of breast cancer patients by providing retreats designed to promote and support mental and physical healing, at no cost to participants.

For more information, check out www.castingforrecovery.org. To see more slides on the Tie-a-thon, visit www.sjrvff.com or www.KVCTU.org or check out: **Tie-a-thon on Facebook-** <http://www.facebook.com/pages/Tie-a-Thon/196602488932>

The premise of the Tie-a-thon is like an old fashion barn raisin', several tyers tie as many flies as they can to donate to the cause. Joining forces again this year to tie flies are

with members of: St. Joseph River Valley Fly Fishers; Kalamazoo Valley Chapter of Trout Unlimited; The Brotherhood of the Jungle Cock; Reel Women - Reel Men of Indianapolis; Grand Rapids Fly Tyers; Fly Girls; Anglers of the Au Sable; Little Elkhart Chapter of Trout Unlimited and many more individuals. A bunch of tiers come together to tie 100 flies a piece on a Saturday and at the end of the day, we try our very best to surpass our previous all-time high of 13,300 flies raised at one Tie-a-thon.

If you are interested, pick just one pattern to tie, buy a box of 100 hooks, the materials and get tying! To get you there, Terry Wittorp, chef, will have a spectacular lunch for all the tyers, which is worth at least 200 flies, but we will give you a break. Also, so you're not too bored just tying, we will have a guest tier every other hour show off his or her special pattern. We will have a video set up to make easy to see from your tying station. The Tie-a-thon will last from 8:00am to 5:00pm. If you are not a fast tyer and can't complete your 100 flies in that time, this is a good time to get a jump on your flies. We would certainly take more than 100 from anyone if they are ambitious.

You don't have to be an expert tyer to donate flies. Many first time fly tyers have participated, this give you a chance to become



very good tying at least one fly. If you need help learning a pattern, contact me, Tim Scott, and I will be happy to give you a lesson.

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Just as in the past five years, the Elkhart Conservation Club has graciously donated the use of their main building for the 2011 Tie-a-thon.

The previous five Tie-a-thons distributed over 30,000 flies to four groups, the youth camp of the Kalamazoo Valley Chapter of Trout Unlimited, the youth camp for the Brotherhood of the Junglecock, Reel and Heal of Toledo, a cancer fly fishing retreat and Project Healing Waters.

If you are interested in tying a pattern and donating; **please contact either:**

Tim Scott

timelscott@yahoo.com

574-289-6392 home

Or

Terry Wittorp

terryflyfish@hotmail.com

269-424-5138

Elkhart Conservation Club:

55515 Riviera Dr, Elkhart, IN 46514

Send flies to:

Tim Scott

711 Forest Ave

South Bend, IN 46616

(More info on page 5)

Year	QTY of donated flies	Recipients of flies	Recipients of flies (flies split)
2007	2,500	Kalamazoo Youth Camp	
2008	3,700	Brotherhood	Reel and Heal of Toledo
2009	6,800	Project Healing Waters	
2010	6,540	Kalamazoo Youth Camp	Reel and Heal of Toledo
2011	13,030	Project Healing Waters	
2012		Casting for Recovery	
Total	32,570		
Projected value of donation in dollars		\$97,710.00	

SALMON OUTING

We are going to do something different this year with the Salmon/Steelhead Outing. Who's up for a road trip? This year's Salmon /Steelhead Outing will held at the Thornapple Access on the Muskegon River. The date for the outing has not yet been decided, however, I am thinking sometime mid to late October depending on conditions. I will update everyone once the date confirmed. The plan is to meet at a central location (time and place also to be determined) early in the morning and carpool to the Muskegon River for the day. As with all club outings, lunch and drinks will be provided. If you would like, meeting us there is always an option. It would be helpful if you are planning on attending to let me know so that I know how much food, drink, and supplies will be needed. I can be reached at 574-202-0255 or m3plus2@hotmail.com



About the Pink Lady Trout Fly

The LaBranche family originally used a 'King of the Waters' dry fly which had a red body. However, the red dye washed out quickly and the fly, now pink, worked better. Thereafter, George LaBranche tied it with pink floss and I believe, the 'Lady' part was named for his wife. Information by Allan Podell

Expert Tip:

Profile of Allan Podell: Although I grew up in Brooklyn, NY, (USA), I spent almost every summer in the Catskills at various places along the Neversink River. Unfortunately, I didn't fish the other Catskill rivers or meet other fly fishers/fly tiers. In fact, I did not know anyone who fished with flies or tied flies and had to learn these arts on my own. That made for an elongated learning curve.

Creator of this trout fly: George LaBranche

Tier of this trout fly: Allan Podell

Country of origin for this trout fly: America - Catskills

This trout fly is designed to be fished on Rivers & Streams

Dressings

- Hook : 12 -14
- Thread : White
- Tail : Ginger
- Body : Pink Floss
- Rib : Fine gold wire
- Wing : Starling or mallard quill
- Hackle : Ginger
- Mustad 94840
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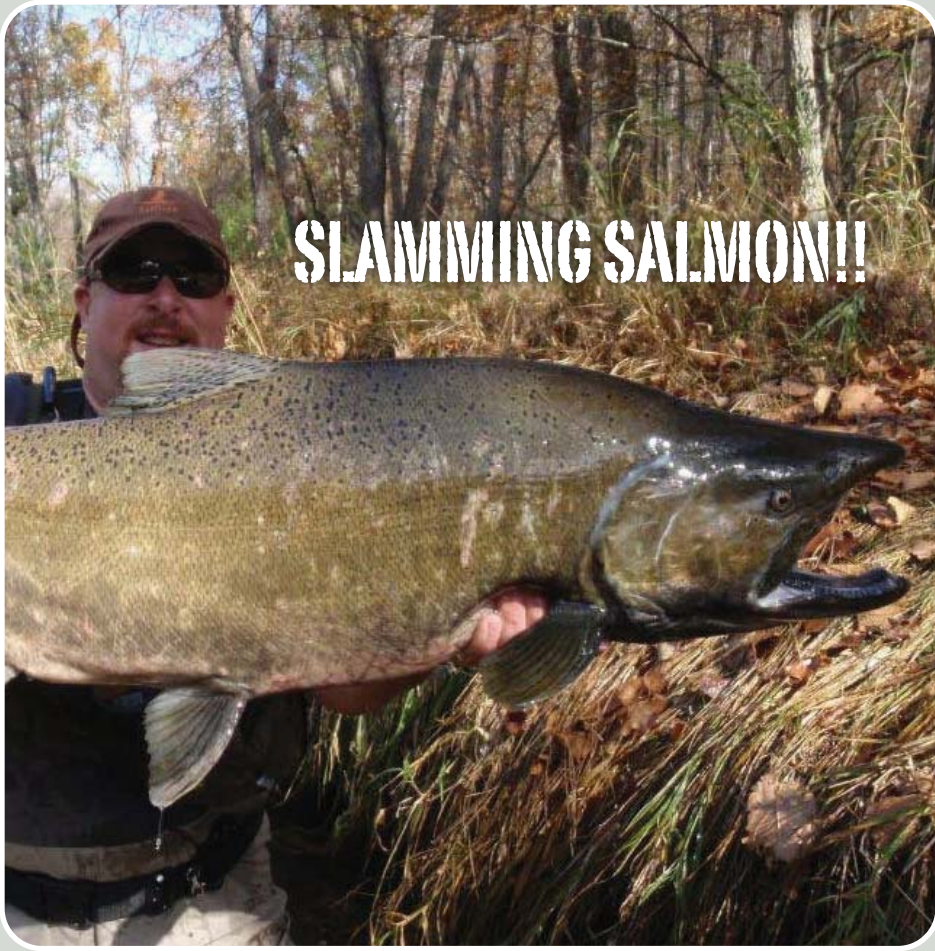


Here are the flies we ask you to tie

Fly	Size
Pink Lady*	14
Elk Hair Caddis	14 -16
Ant (foam or otherwise)	18-20
Griffith Gnat	20-22
Soft Hackle	14 -16
BWO Emerger	18-22
Caddis Nymph	16-18
Hare's Ear	12-14
Pheasant Tail	14-16
Woolly Bugger	10
Mickey Finn	8
Clouser's Minnow	8

*The Pink Lady is the official fly for the 2012 Tie-a-Thon


If you have any questions on the patterns, please contact Tim Scott.



2011 Will Go Down as the Year of the Salmon

By A. Kitson

This year Salmon run can only be described as EPIC!! And fish are still moving in daily at press time. If you haven't had a chance to hit the rivers, you owe it to yourself to do so. Hopefully, this is a sign of things to come, but just in case we have to wait another 20 years, get out there and wack some fish!! And don't forget about the steelhead and browns feasting on eggs behind the redds.

COMING EVENTS	OCT. 15	OCT. 19	NOV. 16	DECEMBER
	<p>Salmon Outing See Page 4 for more info.</p>	<p>Club Meeting Bear Andrews Doors open at 6:30pm.</p>	<p>Club Meeting Doors open at 6:30pm.</p>	<p>Fly Tying Expo Novi, Michigan See Page 3 for info.</p>



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