

# THE LOOP



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Wednesday,  
November 16 at the  
Ramada Inn's Sixth  
Floor Downtown South  
Bend

Photo by Tim Scott

## SJRFFF WELCOMES JORDAN CARTER

### Alaskan Fishing Guide

After graduating from Purdue, Jordan Carter grabbed his gear and headed north, Guiding for Rainbow Point Lodge in Lake Iliamna, Alaska. Looking for the largest rainbows on the planet? This is THE place. The size and aggressiveness of their "leopard bows" compelled the State of Alaska to designate their home water, the Copper River, as a "fly fishing, catch and release only, trophy rainbow river," a designation that has kept the fishing spectacular. Come hear Jordan's amazing tales of the north country.



Jordan Carter



Fall is always the best time of year to fish. Steelhead, trout, smallies and salmon are in the throes of survival mode. Their either on their last gasp or putting on weight of the winter hold over. The oppressive heat of the summer is over and it's all about food. Fish are aggressive and looking for a meal. It is the best time to fool some big fish. Get out there!

Fall will soon turn to winter - or what I call tying season. It is time to restock those boxes, remember what worked this season, and look for new patterns to test next. Again, SJRVFF will be bringing in guest tyers, start the Advanced Tying Class, participate in the 6th Annual Tie-a-thon and be at some of the regional tying shows. While it is important to get new people, and younger people, involved with the sport; I think tying draws more to the sport than anything. There is nothing like dreaming of a Hex hatch or cad-

dis hatch while at the bench on a snowy blustery day in January. Look for tying opportunities in the SJRVFF Loop and on the web site.

November brings about club elections. I want to thank the nominating committee for their sincere work to present a slate of candidate that will move SJRVFF forward. I want thank those for offering up their services for the betterment of the

club. I wish you all the best of luck and I am confident, with members of our club, that you will make it a better experience for all. The art of fly fishing needs everyone to serve to carry on its tradition.

I am a man of picture more than words, so enjoy the image.

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## NEXT MONTH: AWARDS AND STORY TIME

This has become one of the most entertaining meeting. It is only fitting that we not only recognize our fellow members with the awards ceremony, but we actually hear and see from members why we are part of this club. If you want to show off a great trip with a group of SJRVFF'ers, or just a great trip by yourself, let me know. If you hesitant because of trying to use todays technology, i.e. power points or video, let me know I can help get it to electronic form. Also if you have an old school slide show, we can take care of you...

-Jeff Stanifer

**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 name tag and table plate. A tyer reception will be held on Friday night – Location to be determined. Check [ffglc.org](http://ffglc.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 fund raiser for the GLC of the FFF. Please, only one tyer per table and stay until 4pm.

For Info, Go to: [www.ffglc.org](http://www.ffglc.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:**

Beef Medallions w a Brown Gravy  
Baked Potato  
Honey Glazed Carrots  
Rolls  
Salad or Dessert  
BRING A FRIEND!!!

## SJRVFF ADVANCE FLY TYING CLASS

The St. Joseph River Valley Fly Fishers will start a seven week course on tying proven fly patterns for the local area waters and beyond.

Classes will be held once a week for seven weeks starting on February 7th at the Howard Park Senior Center at 604 E Jefferson, South Bend.

Classes last from 7:00pm to 9:00pm.

This is an advanced class, so some experience is needed. You should have taken the SJRVFF beginning class or have the basics down prior to taking this class. The cost for SJRVFF members is \$5.00; for non-members the cost is \$30.00. The class is limited to 30 people.

SJRVFF will supply all the vises, tools and materials to tie during the class. If you have your own vise and tools, please feel free to use them for the class.

The patterns the class will tie are: Bead Head Soft Hackle, Bivisible, RG Emerger, Parachute Mayfly, Mayfly Spinner, Foam Spider, Crawdad, Deer Hair Popper, Mudler, Modonna Streamer.

To sign up and pay for the class, contact Rose Kaufman at the Howard Park Senior Center, (574)-235-9428 or [hpseniors@aol.com](mailto:hpseniors@aol.com).

For questions about the class contact Tim Scott, 574-289-6392 or [timelscott@gmail.com](mailto:timelscott@gmail.com).



**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](http://www.castingforrecovery.org). To see more slides on the Tie-a-thon, visit [www.sjrvff.com](http://www.sjrvff.com) or [www.KVCTU.org](http://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.



**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-thon 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

**FLIES:**

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 signature fly for the 2012 Tie-a-Thon. If you have any questions on the patterns, please contact Tim Scott.



**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

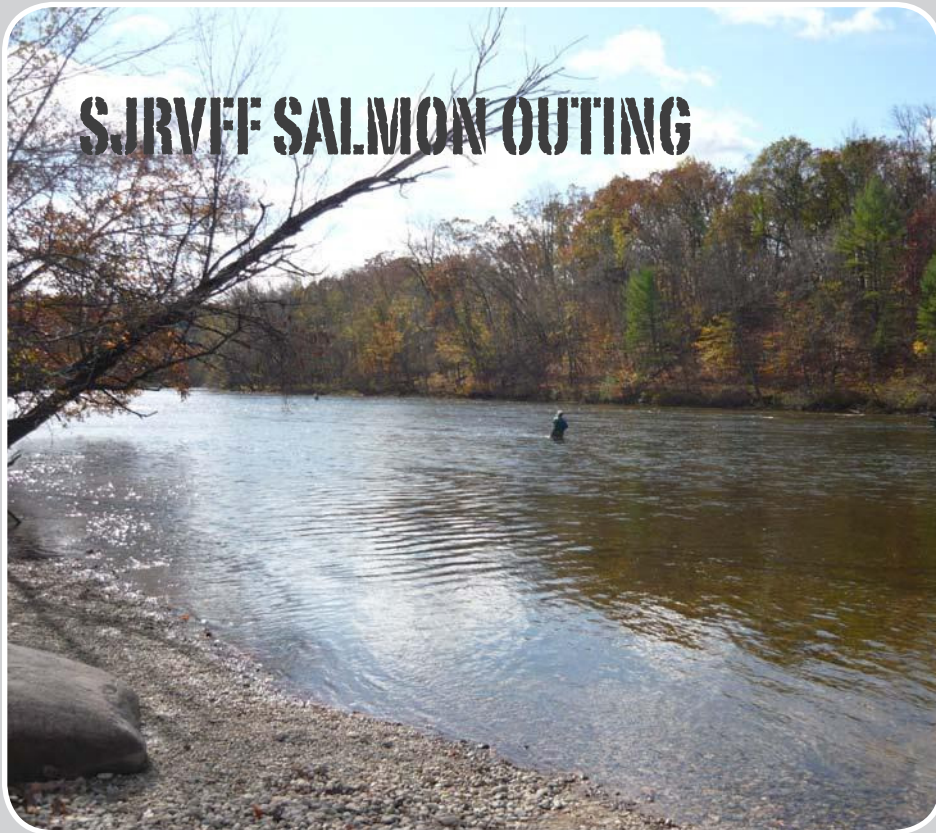
Tier of this trout fly: Allan Podell

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



## Hooking Up On The Muskegon by Todd Ezzell

This years SJRVFF Salmon Outing was a Road Trip to the Thornapple Access on the Muskegon River. Something a little different that worked well. Everyone met at the river around 9:00 am and were quick to get dressed and on the water. With plenty of room to wade, some went up river from the access and some went down river from the access. I chose to go down river and came up empty. I did see a few "Big Stinky's" but had no luck. Everyone met back in the parking lot for lunch and to recount the mornings successes and failures. New strategies were hatched and it was back to the river for the afternoon session. My thoughts were to now wade across the river as far as I could and fish the far side. This was a good decision as the "Big Stinky's" seem to favour the far side on this day. Large dark masses were everywhere. As I looked up river, it was clear to see that everyone

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on Outing  
Ever!**

else had the same idea. A line of people stretched out wading and in boats all fishing to the far side of the river . I found what I thought to be a good spot and within what seemed to be only minutes I had my first fish of the day on. A fight that lasted a little while but ended in a lost fish and fly. This is how my afternoon went. Fish on... fight... break off... retie...fish on...fight...break off...retie. In the end I was unsuccessful at landing one but felt like I had one heck of an afternoon workout. Pro's for the day were that most of us did hook up on at least one fish and some of us even landed a few. Another pro was that those in our group who had never fished for salmon before got to experience what fishing for salmon is like and left with some knowledge and a good experience. Con's for the day... there were none.

UPCOMING EVENTS	NOV. 16	DEC. 3	DEC. 21	JAN. 7
	<p>Club Meeting: Jordan Carter</p> <p>Doors open at 6:30 6th Floor or Ramada Inn, Downtown South Bend.</p>	<p>GLC Fly Tying Expo</p> <p>See page 3 for more info.</p>	<p>Club Meeting:</p> <p>Doors open at 6:30 6th Floor or Ramada Inn, Downtown South Bend.</p>	<p>Reel Women/ Reel Men of Indy Fly Fishing Show</p> <p>Indiana State Fair Grounds</p>

## PROPOSED SLATE

President: Todd Ezzell  
Vice-President: Mark Haley  
Secretary: Doug Moore  
Treasurer: Dustin New  
3-year Director: Mary Helen Znavor  
3-Year Director: Billy Vail  
2-year Director: Erik Gilbert  
2-Year Director: Eal Henderson  
1-year Director: Larry Schmitt  
1-Year Director: Brandon Rasler

## AWARDS

It is time to hand out those SJRVFF awards and we want you to nominate those who have stood out in this club. You can vote and make your case for an individual at the [www.sjrvff.com](http://www.sjrvff.com) website. To nominate someone for the Todd Ezzell / Harry Hustle Award, Fly Tyer of the Year, Oakie Drifter, Fly Fisher of the Year and or the Life Time; visit the website at this page [http://sjrvff.com/?page\\_id=694](http://sjrvff.com/?page_id=694), or email Tim Scott at [timelescott@yahoo.com](mailto:timelescott@yahoo.com). Please submit your nomination by Nov. 30th.

## Notice of Annual Meeting and Election of Officers and Directors

The Annual Meeting of SJRVFF shall be held on November 16th at 7:30 p.m. on the 6th Floor Ramada Plaza, 211 West Washington Street, South Bend, IN 46601-1711, for the purposes of receiving a report from the President on the activities of the Club, receiving a report from the Treasurer on the financial condition of the Club, electing individuals to each open position on the Board of Directors, electing officers of the Club, acting upon such other questions or matters as are proposed to be submitted to a vote at the meeting, and acting on such further questions or matters as may properly come before the meeting.

We ask that members in good standing please attend to vote on a new slate of candidates. The positions open are as follows:

President  
Vice-President  
3-year Director  
3-Year Director

We will also present a club financial report at this time.

Best Regards  
Tim Scott  
SJRVFF  
President

## 2011 SJRVFF BOARD MEMBERS

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