

THE LOOP



Andy Kitson, Editor



Wednesday, May 16, at The Elkhart Conservation Club Little Cabin.

SJRVFF SUMMER OUTING

Kick Off The Summer With Us At The Elkhart Conservation Club

This May's meeting will again be held at the Elkhart Conservation Club's Little Building (by the hatchery). The club will provide food and there will be a FREE raffle. Our speaker will be our own Ann Miller. She will be discussing her new book *Hatch Guide for Upper Midwest Streams*. Dinner will be ready at 6:00, and Ann will get started around 6:30. Bring a 3 wt. If you would like to do some fishing on site at Cobus Creek.





Photo: A. Kitson

Upcoming Dates To Remember:

Saturday May 19th, 2012

Get Out There at St. Patricks County Park
SJRVFF will be introducing people to fly casting and fly tying along with answering general fly fishing questions.

Wednesday May 23, 2012

Wednesday Night Fly Fishing begins and will continue thru the summer- Please check the SJRVFF web site for locations and time

Thursday July 12, 2012

St. Joseph County Parks Dept. Fly Fishing Class.
SJRVFF will conduct a fly fishing class at St. Patricks County Park

Sunday August 19, 2012

Small Mouth Outing- Location and time to be announced

Saturday October 27, 2012

Salmon Outing- Location and time to be announced

Hey All,

Well here we are again, the start of another summer. For SJRVFF, the start of summer means no more meetings and newsletters until September. This, however, does not mean that SJRVFF takes a summer break. Education, conservation, outings, or just getting together are all things that will fill the summer. In order to keep you all up to date on what is going on, announcements will continue to be sent out via email. In addition, I would highly recommend that you check the SJRVFF website on a regular basis as we will post as much necessary information as possible there. If you know of other club members that are not as up on the emails and web sites please give them a call to fill them in. I hope to see you all out on the water this summer.

Thanks,

Todd



Photos by Johnny Law

A Cold But Memorable Trout Opener...

Well what can I say... It was cold, windy, and wet. Yet despite the weather, many of you showed up at Bobbie Labar's farm to celebrate the trout season opening day. It was good to see so many of you out and having a good time. What am I saying...we always have a good time. Reports from all who fished were that the fish didn't seem to mind the weather either.

This year's opening day raffle winner was Thomas Rondo. Congratulations Tom and enjoy the Winston rod and Hardy reel.

Special Thanks to Bobbie Labar!

A special thanks to Bobbie Labar for allowing us to have our opening day outing at her farm and for being a most gracious host.

In addition, I would like to thank Terry Wittorp for his contribution of two delicious deep fried turkeys an special baked beans, Dick Koch and Greg Gabor for their help at the grill, and Mary Helen and John Znavor for their help with serving. Thank you all very much...We all appreciate it.

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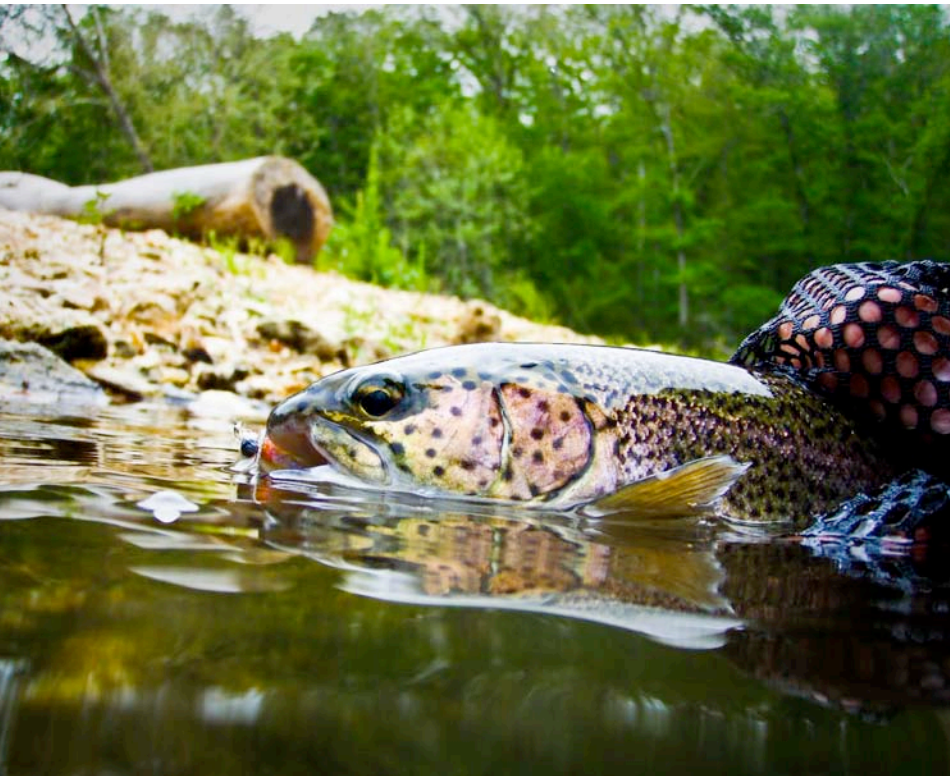
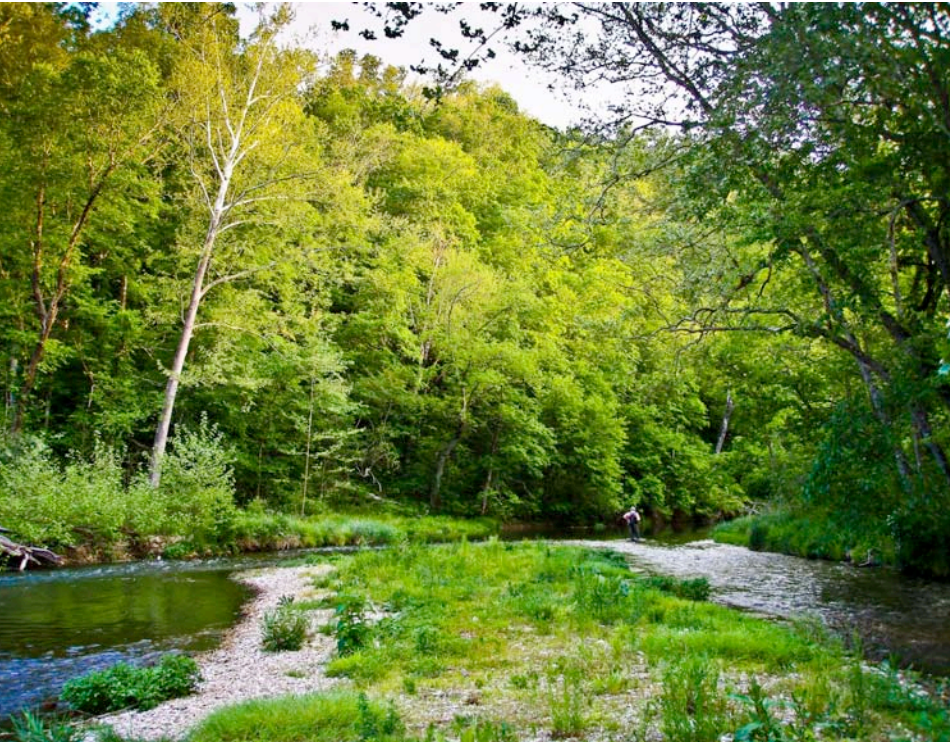
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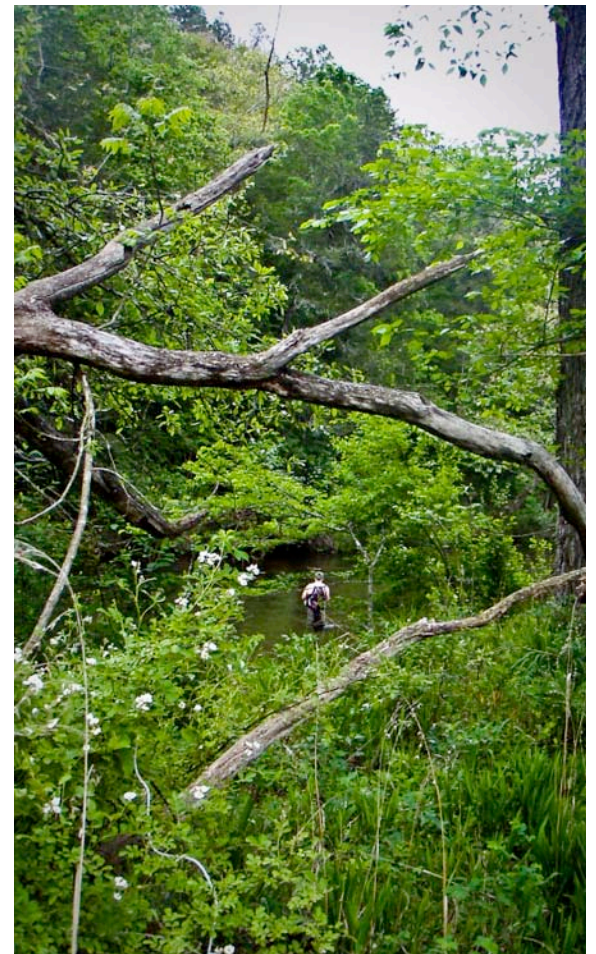
*"Among the hills and
mountains of Missouri
lie creeks and rivers that
hold trout."*







"Hidden from the predators, trout find refuge in the dark woody waters of the streams during the day. It takes a skilled angler to motivate them from prey to predator."





"Sometimes it's just about exhaling and letting the world pass you by..."

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ANOTHER SUCCESSFUL AUCTION

by Jim Lothary

April Fundraiser Results

The 2012 Annual Fundraiser was definitely a fun night and we raised over \$7,200 and after expenses netted over \$6,300.

The auction proceeds are used to fund our speakers, conservation projects, outings and classes throughout the year.

But more important than the money, I think everyone had a great time. I would like to especially thank Lynn Roose for being kind enough to donate the Scott rod and Galvan reel she won in the 52 Card Draw back to the auction.

Dave Goodrich did another great job serving as auctioneer. The folks at the Cellar Door did a fine job with the food and accommodations. Special thanks to the companies who donated certificates and gear including Thomas & Thomas, Jim Teeny, St. Croix, Simms, Bauer Reels, Lamiglas, Creek Company, R. L. Winston, Oasis Fly Tying Benches,


Eastern Fly Fishing Magazine, Chota Outdoor Gear, Wapsi, Fly Fisherman magazine, Scientific Anglers, Lamson, Anglers Sport Group, Dyna King, Nor-Vise, Crystal Creek Fly Fishing, Jim Teeny, Merco Products and Coleman Co. Also, a huge thanks to Rob Fightmaster for donating a great guided trip to the Smokies.

I also want to thank the members of the board who provided the guidance and manpower to get everything done.

Finally and most importantly a big thank you to the members who donated great items and trips, wine, art and flies and money to make it all happen.

For those of you who won certificates for merchandise please remember that there are deadlines for using them so get back to me as soon as possible. If you don't want to use them let me know and we will use them to buy things for the monthly raffles.

Start saving up because I promise with your help that it will be bigger and better next year.



Thank you Jim
and Crew for All
Your Hard Work

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GET OUT AND FISH!

Have a Great Summer.



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