

THE

LOOP



Andy Kitson, Editor



SJRVFF Awards & Story Night

Celebration of Another Great Year

Good food, good drink.... Great company! You do not want to miss the annual SJRVFF awards and Story Night. We will be handing out Fly fisher of the Year, Tyer of the Year, Oakie Drifter and more!

Members will then share some of their memories and funny stories of fishing trips past. Expect a lot of laughs. This tradition has become a club favorite of many members!

Hope to see you there!

**Wednesday,
Dec. 19, at The
Cove Upper Deck,
Downtown South
Bend**



Hey All,

By the time these thoughts hit the news stand we will only have a couple of weeks left in 2012. A couple of days if you believe the Mayans. I think back over the year and can't help but feel a sense of pride over what we have accomplished through the giving of time and talents to promote the sport that we love. We have done a lot and it is time to say one last Thank You! Thank you to all who represented SJRVFF in the best possible way at the shows, demos, tie-a-thon, educational classes, conservation projects, etc. What makes me most proud is not that we did so much but that others benefited from our efforts. I really believe that yes the fly fishing is great but when we can pass something along, no matter how small and insignificant it may seem, the fly fishing is that much better. I hope you all have a happy holiday season and new year.

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Tie-A-Thon

REEL RECOVERY 2013




On March 23, 2013, members of St. Joseph River Valley Fly Fishers, a Federation of Fly Fishers associate club; members of Kalamazoo Valley Chapter of Trout Unlimited and many others, will come together for the Seventh Annual Tie-A-Thon for Reel Recovery. Reel Recovery is dedicated to the physical and emotional rehabilitation of men dealing with cancer.

For more information, check out reelrecovery.org.

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, Duneland Fly Fishers 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, Chef Terry Wittorp will have a spectacular lunch for all the tyers; which is worth at least 200 flies, but we

will give you a break. Everyone is welcome, but please let us know so we can plan for lunch.

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 system 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 and want to tie flies in advance.

The previous seven Tie-a-thons distributed over 42,000 flies to five 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, Casting for Recovery of Indiana and Project Healing Waters.

Pick a pattern, tie it up and donate to the Tie-a-thon!

These are the flies we ask you to tie

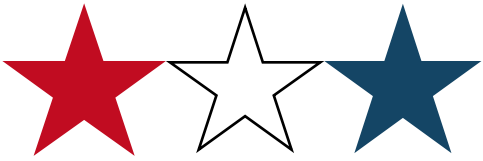
Fly	Size
Adams	14
Elk Hair Caddis	14-16
Dubbing / Hackle Ant	18-20
Griffith Gnat	20-22
Soft Hackle	14-16
BWO RG Emerger	18-22
Caddis Nymph	16-18
Hare's Ear	12-14
Pheasant Tail	14-16
Woolly Bugger	10
Mickey Finn	8
Clouser's Minnow	8



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ELECTION TIME!

This is the slate of candidates proposed by the SJRVFF Board of Directors for the club elections to be held at the December 2012 club meeting. As always nominations from the floor will be accepted.

President- Todd Ezzell
Vice President- Mark Haley
Secretary- Jim Gibson
Treasurer- Lee Troyerdd
3 Yr. Director- Doug Moore
3 Year Director- Tim Pote



SJRVFF Website Fly Tiers

Hey Fly Tiers - some new fly patterns have been added to the website the past couple of weeks, and there are more to come. So far only a handful of the club's talented tiers have contributed patterns - we have many more great tiers that I would like to get patterns from. So e-mail me a picture, the pattern recipe, and the tying instructions and I'll get it on the website pronto (I promise Lee)!

I am also hoping to get some tying video's linked to website shortly. If this works out, I then hope to get some club tiers together to shoot a bunch of video's for the website in the next month or so.

If you are tying for the Tie a Thon, I'd love to include that pattern on the website as well. Even though these are standard patterns, most tiers add or change something to make it their own.

Send your patterns to ewrobo2003@yahoo.com

Thanks,

Eric Wroblewski.





2013 Budget Proposed

Income	
April Auction	\$6,300
Membership	\$2,550
Raffles (gross)	\$4,250
SJRVFF Logo Items(hats&gloves)	\$100
Total Income	\$13,200
Expenses	
Asset Purchases	\$0
Raffles Expenses	\$1,500
Outings	\$750
Dues & Subscriptions	\$600
Fly Tying Classes	\$500
Grants Given	\$3,000
Library	\$150
Misc Business	\$985
Newsletter	\$250
Recognition/Awards	\$350
Speakers	\$4,250
Educ. Sem. - Tying, 101 Classes	\$250
Conservation	\$615
Total Expenses	\$13,200

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A Fond Farewell From a Friend...

New Editor for The Loop

When I took over the newsletter duties several years ago, I never intended to keep the position for more than a year or so. But, *The Loop* became my obsession. A needed distraction. An outlet. I wanted the publication to reflect the SJRVFF, the finest fishing club in the world.

At times when my life seem to be unraveling, *The Loop* was always there to grab my focus and take me away to my favorite places. *The Loop* was there to see me through a divorce, a failed business and some of the lowest times in my life, like a good friend.

The Loop received a lot of accolades, and I have a lot of people to thank for that. First and foremost, Eric Wroblewski, my on again off again assistant editor and fellow visionary. Eric ALWAYS came through for me under tight deadlines. Ann Miller talked me out of calling one of our features "Fish Porn" or "Fish Smut", to "Fish Envy", which was hugely popular, and a lot less offensive. Too many others to mention... All of you you who ever contributed, and of course Tater, Luca, Rat, Neldon, FOE, The Babe, MB, and Meat.

Along the way, I made a few mistakes (I.e. "Big Stinkie"), but I've had a blast! Next month, Dustin New will take over the reigns at *The Loop*. I know he will continue the tradition of excellence, and represent SJRVFF in the best way. I still hope to contribute, and I hope you do too! Thank you for allowing me to serve and represent you all. Tight lines...



My Final Fish Envy
(Hooked in the Mouth;)