

THE LOOP



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Wednesday,
February 20 at The
Cove Upper Deck,
Downtown South
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SJRVFF WELCOMES JOSH LANTZ

Josh Lantz has made his living in the outdoors for nearly 20 years. A professional outdoor communicator, fishing guide and consultant to the outdoors industry, Josh doesn't like to do the same thing two days in a row. Josh grew up on Kosciusko County's Lake Wawasee, where he developed his passion for fishing, hunting and the outdoors. Josh has served as a professional outdoor communicator since 1994. He has credits in numerous North American outdoor publications and has written and edited

over 200 episodes of national outdoors television. Josh has been a professional fishing guide since 1999. World Class Fly Fishing with Josh Lantz provides fly fishing and light tackle angling adventures in Northern Indiana and Southwest Michigan for steelhead, smallmouth bass, largemouth bass and muskie. Josh has served as Editor-in-Chief, *Indiana Outdoor News* on a contract basis since 2002. He is the owner of Sand Creek Media since 2008 and Executive Director of the Association of Great Lakes Outdoor Writers (AGLOW) since 2010.



Josh's presentation will be *Thank God for Bass and Muskies*. And as you can see in the pictures, Josh has caught some muskie and bass.



Well, it's that in-between time of year. The Super Bowl signaled the end of Pro Football, spring training for MLB is a couple of weeks away, and college basketball is working it's way to March Madness. In the fly fishing world it's time to attend fly fishing and fly tying shows/classes before the spring fishing season starts.

As far as upcoming area fly fishing shows go, the MFFC's Fly Fishing Expo will be happening this year on March 9 & 10 in Warren, MI. I have been going to this show on and off for almost 30 years and have yet to be bored by what it offers the fly fisher. From some of the biggest names in the fly fishing world, to top notch educational seminars on fly fishing and fly tying, to new/used fly tackle dealers, this show pretty much has it all. This year's show features **A.K. Best, Ed Engle, Bob Clouser, and Jeff Currier**. Make it up to Warren if you have the time. If nothing else it gets your juices flowing for the upcoming fishing season!

In regard to fly tying classes, the SJRVFF beginners fly tying class just finished it's second week, and looks to produce some great new tiers after the class finishes up in 5

more weeks. If you have some spare time on Tuesday evenings, stop down to the Howard Park Senior Center at 7:00 pm and help these fly tying newbie's get on the right track.

We will also be having a fly tying class on February 16th featuring Glenn Weisner from Toledo, OH. Glenn is doing a tying class on Terrestrial insects such as hoppers, beetles, ants, bee's, damsel flies, etc. Since these bugs are available to the fish we chase most of the summer, this class should provide some great patterns to try out. See the details further on down in the newsletter.

The 5th annual Celebration of Fly Tying takes place on Saturday, February 23rd in Grand Rapids, MI. It's all about fly tying and some great fly tiers will be doing demo's such as Dennis Potter, Bear Andrews, Chris Soule, Mike Schmidt, and Kevin Feenstra along with many other area tiers. Several tiers from the SJRVFF will be tying there again this year, so check it out. For more info go to www.grandriverflytyers.com

In March we hope to have a club sponsored Saturday fly tying class where a couple of the better fly tiers in the club will teach you how to tie a couple of their favorite fly patterns. The cost will be minimal and details will be forthcoming in next month's newsletter and by e-mail.

Lastly, the 7th annual Tie – A – Thon will take place on Saturday, March 23 at the Elkhart Conservation Club. This is a great way to give something for fellow fly fishers. The flies that are tied will be donated to Reel Recovery, a cancer survivor organization. The mission of Reel Recovery is to help men in the cancer recovery process by introducing them to the healing powers of the sport of fly fishing. So if you haven't committed any flies yet – do so now. If you have already tied your flies, consider tying some more.

Eric



MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL TIME!

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

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- **New this year**, you can pay your dues by credit card through the web site. Click on the "Join SJRVFF" tab and down toward the bottom you will see where you can pay via PayPal.
- The dues are still just \$20.00 for individuals and \$35.00 for a family membership. We would like to get all the renewals processed before the end of February so membership cards and club rosters can be distributed in March.
- Anyone who joined the club after September 1st, 2012 is automatically covered for the year 2013.



MEETING DETAILS:

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

Location: The Upper
Deck in Coveleski
Stadium, 501 West South
Street, South Bend

Parking is free.

Meal cost \$13.00 per
person.

MENU

Chop Chop Salad with
assorted toppings and
dressings

Refried Bean Dip with house
seasoned tortilla crisps

Cilantro-Lime Chicken Tacos
(flour & corn tortillas)

Southwest Beef Tacos (flour
& corn tortillas)

Toppings Bar

Cinnamon Spiked
Cheesecake Brownie
Towers with chocolate lattice

Coffee, Pineapple Iced Tea,
Sweet Lemonade, Ice Water

Cash Bar

ARE YOU GETTING READY...

Not for opening day, for the Annual Auction! The big day is April 17th. The auction supports the Club's activities throughout the year, including the outings, fly tying classes, conservation work and speakers.

This year the Auction is going to be so big we had to move it to Waterford Estates Lodge, 52890 Indiana 933 in Roseland, just north of Cleveland Road.

To make it a great success we need your help. As always, we need your donated items. Those extra rods or reels, a dozen flies you tied, art, whatever. If you know someone who runs a lodge, guide service, travel agency, restaurant or tackle company, ask them to donate to the auction. Would you be willing to mentor a couple of our newer members on the local waters for a day? You would be surprised how much they would appreciate having someone show them the ropes. When in doubt call me or one of the board members. If you have something really special let us know in advance so we can highlight it in the next newsletter.

This year we already have some interesting items donated including a guided trip for two on the Pere Marquette River. And as always we will have an awesome dream rod. We have some new twists planned that we will announce later.

Remember, the better the auction the better we can be as a club.

Thanks for your help.

2013 FLY TYING SEMINARS

FEBRUARY 16TH - GLENN WEISNER - TERRESTRIALS

Glenn hails from Toledo, Ohio and is the owner of Glenn River Fly Co. He was the speaker at our March 2011 meeting and his program was on Terrestrial insects for the fly fisher. Glenn will have us tie a couple of different styles of hoppers, beetles, ants, a ladybug, a blue damsel adult, a cricket, and a wasp. Glenn promises that you will get your money's worth from this tying class!

There are still a couple spots left. If you are interested in taking the class please contact Eric Wroblewski.

For more info about Glenn please visit his website glennriver.com.

We are working on tiers for March and will provide updates as soon as we have the details worked out. It will be special tag team effort by local tiers sharing their favorite, most productive local patterns.

If you tie flies but have never attended one of the tying seminars you are missing out on a great opportunity to learn from some of the best tiers around. New techniques, refinements, new materials and a general broadening of your knowledge base are all there for you to experience. Come spend a cold Saturday with us by the warm fire and learn a thing or two.

Those attending the seminars will need to have basic fly tying skills. All tiers participating will need to bring their own vise, tools, lamp (if needed), and thread. Materials will be provided by the guest tier and we will provide donuts, lunch and drinks with your class fee. The seminars will start at 9:00 am and should conclude by 4:00 pm with a break at noon for lunch.

FEBRUARY RAFFLE ITEMS

Sage Vantage 9' 8 weight 4 piece with an Orvis Clearwater IV Large Arbor reel, backing and line. And assorted other prizes.



7TH ANNUAL TIE-A-THON TO BENEFIT REEL RECOVERY MARCH 23RD

Update - As of last weekend over 7900 flies have been committed to the 2013 Tie-a-thon. If you want to help us surpass 10,000 flies, contact Tim Scott or Terry Wittorp.

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Mike Fleetwood of DRIFT in Wheaton, IL gave 100 Elk Hair Caddis recently. David Jackson put the Tie-a-thon on the International map by sending in 200 flies from Pago Pago, American Samoa. Bob Stoyhoff has knocked out about 500 flies, keeping his series on contributing hundreds of flies going strong. New to the high volume tying is Todd Ezzell. Todd is tying 100 of every pattern. Freak'in awesome!

Remember, they don't have to be pretty, they just need to fish! Tie for the cause and change someone's life through fly fishing. Anything you want to tie will be appreciated, but if you are looking for suggestion these are the flies we ask you to tie:

Fly	Size
The Pink Lady	14
Elk Hair Caddis	14 - 16
Ant (foam or other)	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 Buzzer	10
Mickey Finn	8
Clouser's Minnow	8




2013 FLY FISHING FILM TOUR

Jeff "Bear" Andrews along with Bear Handed Fly Designs/Guide Service will host the 2013 Fly Fishing Film Tour at the Lansing Capital City Regional Airport on Thursday, March 7th at 7:15pm. For ticket information contact Bear at Jbearfly@aol.com. Or by phone at 517-290-7789 or you can go to the Fly Fishing Film tour Website www.thef3t.com.

Tickets are \$15 in advance, \$18 on the website or \$20 at the door.



UPCOMING EVENTS	FEB 14	FEB 16	FEB 20	MAR 20
	Valentine's Day Bank some points now to get a new rod later.	Tying Seminar GLENN WEISNER ECC Main Building	Club Meeting 6:30pm - The Upper Deck, Coveleski Stadium	Club Meeting 6:30pm - The Upper Deck, Coveleski Stadium

OPENING DAY ROD RAFFLE

This year we are very lucky to be able to offer for this year's Opening Day Rod Raffle a 7 ft. 3 in, 2piece/2tip, 3 weight, bamboo fly rod crafted by club member Winston Binney. As many of you already know Winston builds a beautiful cane rod, and several club members are the proud owners of cane rods built by him. Eric Wroblewski was lucky enough to get Winston to make a rod in 2008, and it is his prized fly rod. This rod is a Para 3 taper, which is a taper Winston came up with. He described it as being his take on a Paul Young - Driggs taper which he lightened to a 3 weight. He said the action is parabolic. The rod is beautifully flamed, and has a mahogany reel seat.

Your first opportunity to purchase tickets on this beautiful rod will be at this month's meeting. Fly Fisher of the Year Craig Myers will be selling tickets at every meeting up to and on Opening Day. The drawing will be held at 1:00 pm at the Opening Day Outing, Saturday, April 27.

Ticket prices:

One for \$5.00

Three for \$10.00

Seven for \$20.00

If you've thought about a fine bamboo fly rod to fish Dowagiac Creek, then buy some tickets for this rod. It is the perfect small stream rod!

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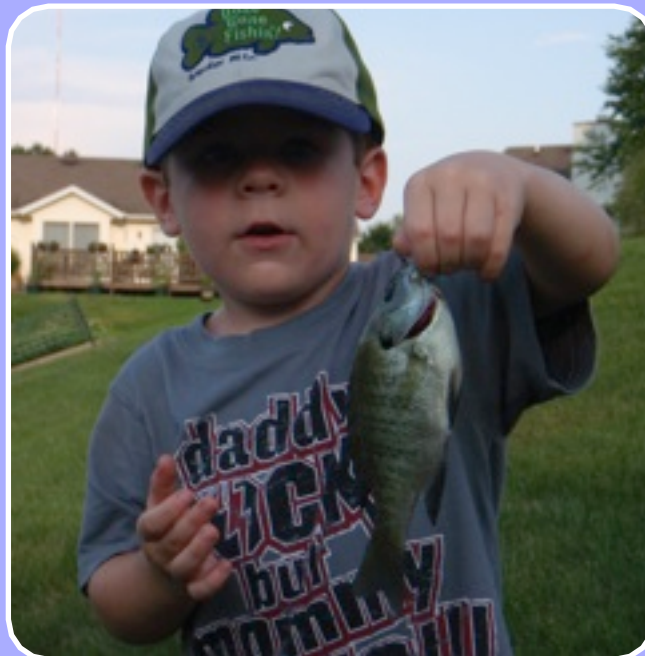
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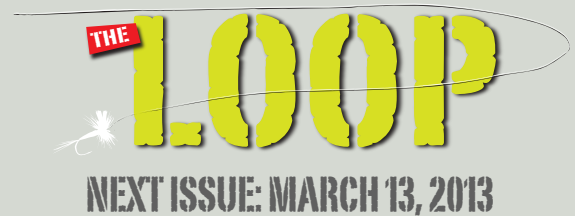
WE NEED YOUR HELP!

Last month we talked generally about how we could use your help. Now we have specifics to inspire you. We are looking for people to get involved with Events and Education Committees.

The Events Committee would make the arrangements for and coordinate the logistics and food associated with the events outside of the regular club meetings. We would like to get several people involved to spread the load.

The Education Committee is a new initiative for the club. For many years we have done many educational events each year. This has included casting, tying, rod building and fishing for specific species to name a few. We would like to see this continued more consistently as well as explore other opportunities.

If you have any suggestions for these committees or are interested in being involved, get in contact with one of the board members.



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