

THE LOOP



Dustin New, Editor



Wednesday,
March 20 at The
Cove Upper Deck,
Downtown South
Bend

SJRVFF WELCOMES KEVIN THOMASON

Kevin has been a longtime member of the KVCTU and the Michigan Fly Fishing Club. Kevin has served as fly-tying and fly-casting instructor in a variety of venues over the past 30 years. He is a life long fly fisherman and joined the competitive fly-fishing community in 2006. Kevin has participated in three Fly Fishing National Championships in 2007, 2009 and 2011. Mostly, he loves to fly fish...any place, any time, any species...and hopes to

pass along some useful information.

His program?

Got Fish?

It's the time of year when we're planning and dreaming of the fishing and fish to be had in the coming months. Kevin intends to share a variety of techniques and tips to make you a more successful fisherman. We'll bounce through a number of topics including preparation,



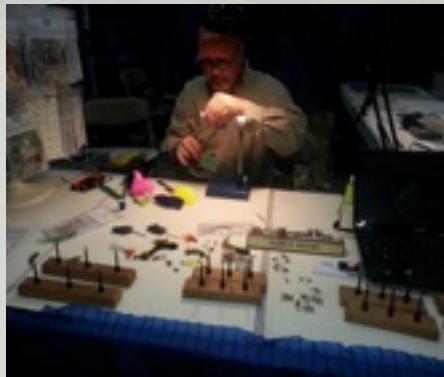
tackle, casting, line control, fly design and choices, reading water, etc. Basically, how many "secrets" can he pass along in one evening's program.



Last Saturday I went up to Warren, Michigan for the Midwest Fly Fishing Expo. Club members Tom Martin and Craig Myers made the three hour trip with me. Like I said in last month's newsletter this show never gets old for me. There always seems to be several new vendors each year, along with all of the old reliable ones.



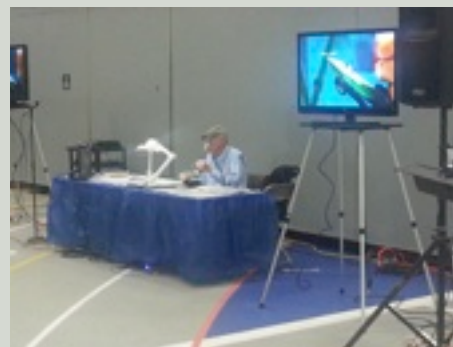
The first booth we stopped at was The Fiberglass Manifesto. Cameron Mortenson started a blog about fiberglass fly rods several years ago and it has become quite the monster of fishing blogs. He is an interesting person to talk to, and has become quite the authority on fiberglass fly rods. He had a rack of demo rods that you could cast, along with TFM t-shirts and stickers for sale. This was his second year at the show and I look forward to seeing Cameron again. As Cam would say – Cheers!



We then wandered over to the Glenn River booth to talk to Glenn and hopefully meet his partner Wayne. Glenn did the terrestrial tying class for us a couple weeks ago and had several funny stories about Wayne. The picture above shows Wayne starting to construct a deer hair bass bug. He learned from deer hair master Chris Helms and I would be hard pressed to tell his tie from one of Chris'. I stopped by later to see how the fly turned out and it was truly a work of art.

If you were looking for deals on flies there were several vendors that had them. Old AuSable Fly Shop had a big selection of trout flies for \$1.00 each. I picked up a dozen of #24 Potter's Opal Trico Spinners since tying these little guys are getting tough for my 56 year old eyes. I also picked up some Hendrickson duns and spinners. I have never made it up

to the AuSable to fish the hennies and hopefully this will be the year I get to fish this hatch. There also was a booth that had boxed patterns at \$6.00 a dozen or 5 dozen for \$25.00. We all bought 5 dozen and spent quite a bit of time searching through the bins of flies. The ones that I really was happy to find was a dozen #18 Goddard Caddis. I've always had good luck with them and I can't wait to put these on the water this season.



There were some great tiers at this year's show and I watched AK Best's presentation on winging flies. I learned a few things from him and I hope that I can come close to tying some as well as he does. AK is truly a master fly tier.

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TIME IS RUNNING OUT!

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

SJRVFF
P.O. Box 933
South Bend, IN 46624

- **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 March so membership cards and club rosters can be finalized before the April Auction.
- This is your last chance to get your name on the "good" list so you can get a shiny new membership card. You can still keep your "member in good standing" status after this month, but you won't have the ability to whip out your membership card.



MEETING DETAILS:

Doors open at 6:30 PM
Meal at 7:00
Meeting starts about 7:30

Location:

The Upper Deck,
Coveleski Stadium,
501 West South Street,
South Bend

Parking is free.

Meal cost \$13.00/person

MENU

Creamy Pasta Salad with
broccoli, shredded cheese &
crisp peppers

Garden Greens Salad with
grape tomato, cheese,
cucumber, pretzel croutons
& dressings

Stuffed Chicken with
spinach, artichokes &
cheese

Herb Roasted Potatoes with
garlic butter

Sautéed Vegetable
Cornucopia with corn, green
beans, California veggies

Pudding Parfaits with
whipped cream and graham
cracker crumble

Coffee, Cranberry Iced Tea
+ Lemonade + Ice Water
Cash Bar

TIME TO PLOT YOUR MOVES

I wanted to give everyone attending next month's Auction a heads up on a few of the items that will come up for bid that might require some preplanning on your part. We have been fortunate this year to get some special offers from guides that involve two anglers for the price of one. So you may want to get together with a friend and work out which of these deals you want to bid on.

Incredible Deal #1

Two for the price of 1 or 4 for the price of 2 at Skeena Wilderness Fishing Charters, 5 days of fishing for Steelhead and trout on the Skeena River in British Columbia in April of 2014. Check out their website at www.bc-steelhead.com. A savings of \$4,495 (on the 2 for 1) and an experience of a lifetime. Stan Doll and his staff will have you roaring down the Skeena in their inboard, covered jet boat, jetting up a river in a sled, bouncing through white water in their Mackenzie style aluminium drift boat, drifting over pellucid pools in a double ended drift raft, or cutting through the salty chop in their regal Grady White outboard. This package includes meals, accommodations, flies and tackle. You are responsible for getting to Terrace, BC which costs about \$1500 round trip.

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PRESIDENT'S COLUMN

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The three of us went to a seminar on fishing Montana on a budget by fishing guide Dirk Fischbach. His presentation started with getting to Montana and how to save money getting there. Dirk focused on fishing the Madison and Gallatin rivers which are two rivers I have not fished yet, and was eager to learn about. He gave us info one where to stay, where to fish, and how to fish each season on these rivers. He also covered some rivers and lakes in YNP. I thought it was a great way to spend an hour at the Expo.

One of the objects of the trip to the Expo was to find Craig a rod and reel to fish bigger flies and streamers in Michigan and hopefully Montana later this year. It was quite the ordeal because he couldn't make up his mind on anything, but finally the mission was accomplished in the late afternoon. I hope he gets a lot of use from this new outfit throughout this fishing season.

All in all it was a great day shopping for fly fishing stuff with a couple of good guys. I can't wait to do it again next year!

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KEEP AND EYE OUT

One of our club members recently had his house broken into and most of his fly fishing gear stolen. The rods taken were a 4-piece 4 wt RL Winston boron and a 4-piece 5 wt Loomis NRX rod. Both were in tubes. Also taken was a 2xl filson fly fishing vest with several fly boxes and the typical gear attached. Whoever stole this stuff probably had no idea of the value, so they may show up on Craigslist or in a pawn shop unrealistically low priced. Any help getting the word out would be greatly appreciated.

Many if not all of us have a story of driving off with a rod on the roof or left beside the car. We can't blame ourselves for just being stupid some times. But someone stealing your stuff just sucks. Get in touch with me if you see anything that might fit this description. I'll pass it along.

Dustin

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

Update - We have officially gone over the 10,000 mark for flies committed to the 2013 Tie-a-thon. If you want to help us surpass 11k, 12k..., contact Tim Scott or Terry Wittorp.

Terry Wittorp
terryflyfish@hotmail.com
269-424-5138

Tim Scott
timelscott@gmail.com
574-538-1936

Eric Beebe of Billings, Montana sent 900 flies via Rod Viator of Round Rock, TX and Fly Tying for Recovery. David Hilton, of Grand Rapids, sent in 100 flies. Tom Rondo turned in a couple hundred and Phillip Stevens is mailing another couple hundred.

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 Bugger	10
Mickey Finn	8
Clouser's Minnow	8



LETTER FROM MASON- GRIFFITH FOUNDERS CHAPTER OF TROUT UNLIMITED

We received a letter from the Mason-Griffith Founders Chapter of TU following our donation. The letter reads:

This is to acknowledge receipt of your donation of \$1000.00. This money will be designated for use at the next Bamboo Bend Rod making class, to be conducted in May 2013. Six disabled veterans will be selected by Project Healing Waters to spend a week in Grayling, MI, making their very own bamboo rod. In addition they will be treated to a complete reel, line, leaders and flies; and then spend a day on the Ausable river fishing their hand made rods with local guides.

Your generous donation will help make this possible. We appreciate your support of this worthy effort.

UPCOMING EVENTS	MAR 20	MAR 23	APR 20	APR 27
	Club Meeting 6:30pm - The Upper Deck, Coveleski Stadium Kevin Thomason	Tie-A-THON Come tie 100 flies (or more!) with us and have a great lunch. ECC Main Building	Annual Auction 5:30pm Waterford Estates Lodge 52890 SR 933 South Bend, IN	Opening Day Outing Fish throughout Michigan but meet up at Labar's Farm

APRIL IS FAST APPROACHING...

No, not April Vokey, the month of April which means it's almost time for our Annual Fundraiser on April 17th. The doors open at 5:30 PM at the Waterford Estates Lodge, 52890 State Road 933, South Bend, IN. The Waterford is just north of the intersection of Cleveland Road and 933. The event includes a huge grab bag raffle, silent auctions, a chance to win a new Scott G2 8'8" 6 weight fly rod/Galvan Rush Large Arbor reel combo and a general auction run by auctioneer Dave Goodrich. The Waterford will serve dinner at 6:30 PM.

Admission is \$25 per person which includes dinner, a bid card and a special SJRVFF premium fly box.

The silent auction will have discount /gift certificates donated by major tackle companies including Thomas & Thomas, Winston, Simms, Lamson, St. Croix, Bauer Reels, Oasis Fly Tying Benches, Norlander and Lamiglas. This is your chance to get a major

discount on that Winston Boron III, the St. Croix Bank Robber, Bauer Rogue Classic reel or other great item you need for this season.

The grab bag raffle includes over 60 bags of fly tying materials, fly line, books, DVDs, magazine subscriptions and discounts on Jim Teeny and Angler Sport Group merchandise.

Time to Plot Your Moves shows you a few of the special items that we have rounded up for you in the general auction.

I really need your help. First, be sure to attend the Fundraiser and, if possible, bring a friend or two. Maybe call someone who hasn't been at the meetings lately or someone you met at a tying class. Second, look around your basement and see if you have an old rod or reel, a box of flies, book or other fishing related item that you can donate to the auction.

Remember, the proceeds from the auction are the Club's major source of funding guest speakers (including April Vokey, Bear Andrews and Kevin Feenstra), conservation work on our local streams, fly tying classes, support of the trout rearing and stocking program and other activities. The Fundraiser is open to members and persons interested in fishing.

Jim Lothary

New Location!!!

Waterford Estates Lodge

52890 SR 933

South Bend

(just north of Cleveland and 933)

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Incredible Deal #2

A free guided float trip on the Pere Marquette River for 2 with legendary guide Tommy Lynch, the Fish Whisperer, of Baldwin, Michigan. This trip must be done in the month of May 2013.

Incredible Deal #3

\$100 off a guided inshore fly fishing trip for 1 or 2 with Captain Chris Abdo of Fish Backwaters of Naples Florida. Chris will take you out for Redfish, Snook, Seatrout, and Mangrove Snapper.

Incredible Deal #4

2 days of guided fishing for the price of 1 on the White River in beautiful Arkansas with John Holsten. Those of us lucky enough to have fished with John know the White is loaded with some awesome browns and rainbows. A savings of \$400.

**CALL A FRIEND
AND START
PLANNING FOR THE
APRIL AUCTION**

Incredible Deal #5

A guided trip for 2 to fly fish for largemouth bass up to 9 pounds on Cranberry Lake in LaPorte County, Indiana with Josh Lantz. This 5 hour trip must be completed by October of this year. If you saw his presentation to the Club last month you know this is truly a special opportunity. Josh is an experienced guide and editor of Indiana Outdoors so you are bound to learn a great deal.

Jim Lothary

OPENING DAY ROD RAFFLE

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.

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.

If you've thought about a fine bamboo fly rod to fish small streams, then this is the perfect rod.



Ticket prices:
One for \$5.00
Three for \$10.00
Seven for \$20.00

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WE STILL NEED YOUR HELP!

We are still 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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