

THE LOOP



Dustin New, Editor



Wednesday,
November 20th at
The Cove Upper Deck,
Downtown South
Bend

SJRVFF WELCOMES GLENN WEISNER

Glenn has been tying flies since a seventh grade science fair project and has honed his skills tremendously thanks in part to private lessons, workshops and personal coaching from life-long friend Chris Helm and many others. Glenn enjoys tying most all trout flies and is recognized for his interest in Midge patterns and Terrestrials. Glenn founded Glenn River Fly Co. Ltd (www.glennriver.com) in 2000 and developed the "Fly-Kit"[™] (a pattern specific fly-tying kit). Glenn also conducts fly-tying workshops and on-stream educational fly-fishing sessions. He has several high quality fly-tying instructional DVD's and is featured in *Flytyers of the World* (Volume 3) by VEM Publishing. Glenn has competed in the Mustad Scandinavian International Fly Tying

Competition several times, placing in the top 10 every time. Glenn is most proud of the fact that through his "Fly-Kit"[™] product, high quality instructional tying DVD's, one-on-one tying sessions, private workshops and fly-tying Demo's at clubs & shows that he has been able to "give back" to thousands of individuals who share a similar interest in the art of fly-tying. Glenn's presentation will introduce the world of small flies. Years of subtle, slow moving, gentle flowing spring creek fishing - resulting in countless hours of frustration trying to hook big trout, feeding in the surface film on micro size "whatever" have all contributed to Glenn's sickness for MIDGES. Glenn's goal of this presentation is to try to draw



upon the many books, magazine articles, personal friendships and other experiences he has had to debunk some of the mystery behind "small fly fishing". Bug basics are covered along with essential gear, productive patterns, practical fishing techniques and other B.S. stories.....and of course a few fish pics!



So there's snow on the ground. It seems a little early to be this cold and puddles frozen in the afternoon. Frozen in the morning is one thing, but still frozen in the afternoon seems more like January stuff. My body is having a difficult time with this. Not exactly because of the cold but more because I feel like I should be tying or dreaming about fishing somewhere tropical. Or both. I'm not there yet though. I've still got leaves in my yard to get picked up. Of course I can blame that on my lawnmower dropping a wheel last week. Last week when it was comfortable sweatshirt weather. I suppose I would've/could've/should've raked the leaves if I'd known it was going to snow.

I think what's nagging me is that I'm not quite ready to start tying for the coming season. The coming season doesn't feel like its around the corner yet. Probably because its not. I'm feeling rushed to get ready for Spring. I haven't had a chance to look through the various catalogs and begin rationalizing

what all I'd put under the Christmas tree that I'd hold onto for the nieces and nephews next summer. Most of which they'll grow into someday but it will be there for them when the time comes.

I haven't been to the winter shows to see and learn some new patterns. And then buy new materials. And then wait for the little packages to arrive in the mailbox so I can try and remember those patterns I saw and learned. And maybe most importantly, I haven't spent a couple days reorganizing my fly boxes. Its kind of become an annual ritual over the years to see what's left, what needs to be replaced, what didn't work, what worked so well I've got an obvious void in the one flybox and only have one left of that pattern on my fly patch. Maybe some day I'll actually inventory the patterns and sizes in each box. I've got an old article by Dave Whitlock listing the different patterns and sizes in his different boxes. It was something like his

eight standard boxes of nymphs, streamers, and dry flies. Then he had his specialty boxes for hoppers, eggs and really small stuff. I can't imagine being that organized. Then again it seems I may have the time this year. Maybe I'll really clean my fly lines this year. Instead of the night before I need them. Maybe I'll do something nutty like tie 100 of all the patterns for the tie-a-thon this year. Probably should make sure my boxes are all full first. Maybe I'll figure out that jointed damselfly nymph pattern my dad's been wanting for fishing the northern lakes. Maybe I'll just start making list of the stuff I could be doing if I wasn't making lists. Check back with me in March and I'll let you know how it went. And how I'm almost ready for Spring. Almost. http://fffglctesting.com/wp-content/uploads/2013/11/11_13flyerproof.jpg <http://fffglctesting.com/wp-content/uploads/>

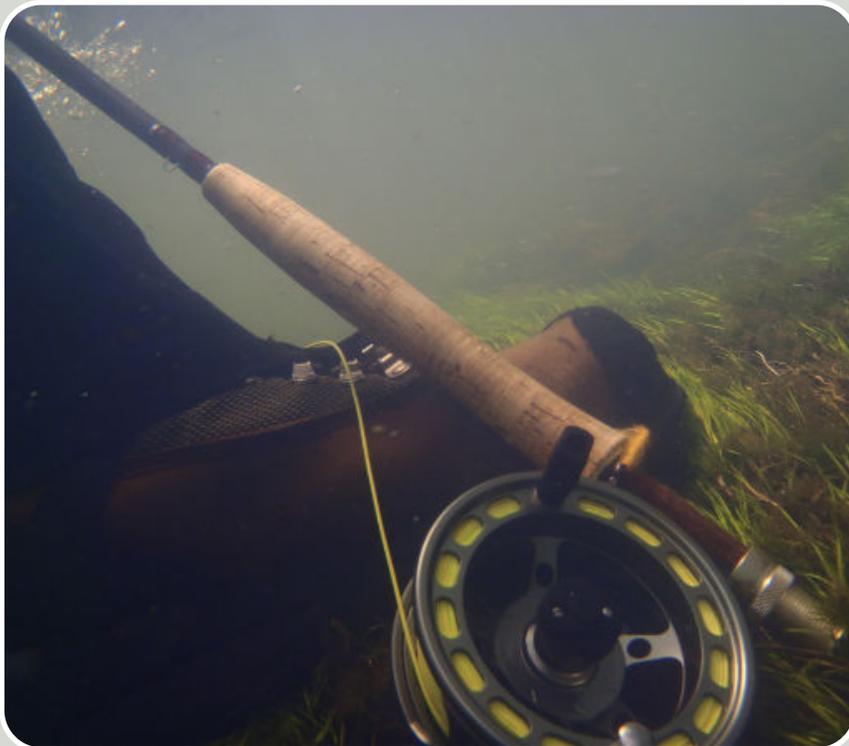


IT'S THAT TIME AGAIN!

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

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

- 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.



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

Cranberry Wild Rice Salad
with dried fruit, Midwest
grains and chicken stock

5 Cheese Mac
with Cheesy Crumb Topping

Carved Turkey with Natural
Jus & Turkey Gravy

Butter Whipped Potatoes
with accents of garlic and
fresh sage

Country Style Green Beans
slow Cooked with clarified
butter & bacon

Pumpkin Pie with Fresh
Whipped Cream

Complimentary Beverage
Station

NEW LIBRARY DUDE

Blake Morse has stepped up to man the club's extensive library. Blake will have the entire collection of books and DVD's at the November meeting. For future meetings Blake will only be bringing a small selection, but the entire inventory will be listed on the club website. Request an item you are looking for with the form from the website and Blake will have it at the next meeting for you. Thanks to Blake for stepping up to the plate for this task. We have an awesome library and it will be good to see it on-line and available.



NOVEMBER RAFFLE

For the November meeting Craig has lined us up with a 12'6" Winston VSL rod 6/7 weight.

ELECTION TIME IS COMING

Election time is right around the corner and this is your opportunity to be part of the leadership of the SJRVFF. We have a rather large slate to fill this year and need your help.

How it works

The Board will identify and present a slate to the membership at the December meeting. Additional nominations for the available positions can also be made at that time from the floor by a member in good standing. All members in good standing can then vote on the nominees and we will have our leadership for 2014 set. That's a bit of simplification but we will deal with the details per the by-laws at the meeting as necessary. If you are interested in giving a bit of your time and talents, please talk with the election committee - Tim Pote, Mary Helen Znavor and Lee Troyer.

Positions Available

Each year two of the six directors rotate off of the board and are replaced. Additionally, Eric and Mark, current president and vice-president, respectively, will not be returning for a second term. So the positions available are:

- President
- Vice-President
- 2-Year Director
- 3-Year Director (2)

Though not elected positions, we are also still looking for an events coordinator and a Ghille to help out with events and all our stuff.

The Perks

First and foremost, you get to give back to the club that has provide many hours of entertainment and invaluable information to you over the years. There's nothing more satisfying than giving back.

Don't underestimate the value of the SJRVFF on a resume.

You have an awesome cast of past directors to draw from for advice and assistance. Over the decades the SJRVFF has been around there's someone who's been there, done that.

A better understand of what goes into making the SJRVFF great.

POWER!



EIGHTH ANNUAL TIE-A-THON APRIL 12TH

On **April 12th** members of SJRVFF, members of Kalamazoo Valley Chapter of Trout Unlimited and many others, will come together to tie flies for National Fishing in Schools Program(NFSP), a 501(c) (3) not-forprofit organization.

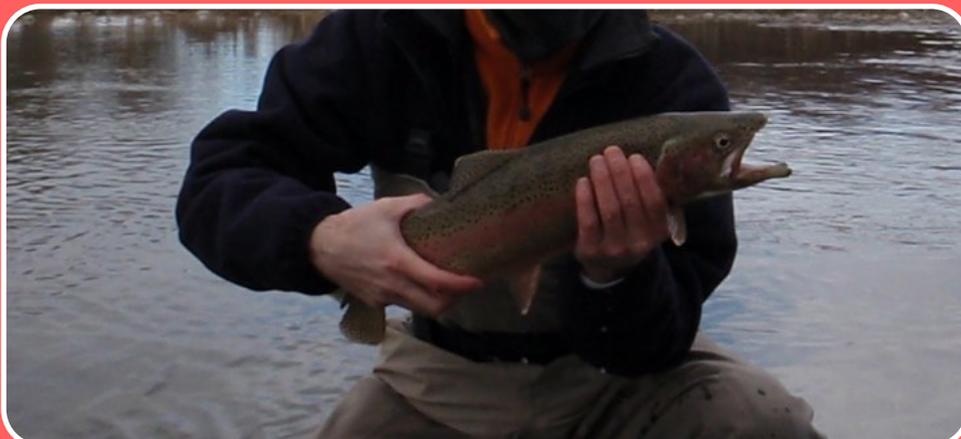
All the flies from the Eighth Annual Tie-A-Thon will be distributed to NFSP to promote fly fishing and traditional tackle fishing among school kids within Michigan, Indiana and beyond. The "Fishing in Schools" program accommodates students irrespective of gender, physical ability or natural aptitude. The program's objective is to teach students in grades 6-12 "how to fish" in school gymnasiums. A core two-week foundation curriculum unit for Physical Education teachers is the norm. It addresses four National Academic Standards (PE, science, language arts & technology.) The complete curriculum meets six.

For more information, check out www.flyfishinginschools.org.

Also, the Tie-a-thon will donate flies to the Kalamazoo Valley Chapter of Trout Unlimited's Youth Camp. This years goal is to engage more youth to the passion and sport which is Fly Fishing.

In seven years the Tie-a-thon has raised and donated over 54,000 flies to various Fly Fishing Schools, Camps and good causes. Anything you want to tie will be appreciated, but if you are looking for suggestion these are the flies 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



MORE FLY STUFF

Raffle manager Craig Myers is looking for fly donations from the club tyers for raffle prizes. Tie up something you've been wanting to learn, something you've been successful with, or something you think your buddies should be fishing.

TYING CLASSES - ADVANCED FLY PATTERNS

SJRVFF teaches Fly Tying through South Bend Parks Department. This will be a seven week class on tying proven fly patterns for the local area and beyond. Classes are once a week for seven weeks starting the **first Tuesday of February at the Howard Park Senior Center**. The cost for non-members of SJRVFF is \$30.00. For members the class cost is \$5.00. 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 more information please contact Jeff Stanifer or Dustin New.

FOURTEENTH 2013 ANNUAL
GREAT LAKES COUNCIL



FLY TYING
Expo
INVITATIONAL
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HOSTED BY
**The Great Lakes Council
of the Federation of Fly Fishers**

SATURDAY, DEC. 7, 2013
9:00 A.M. TO 4:00 P.M.
HOLT HIGH SCHOOL IN HOLT, MI

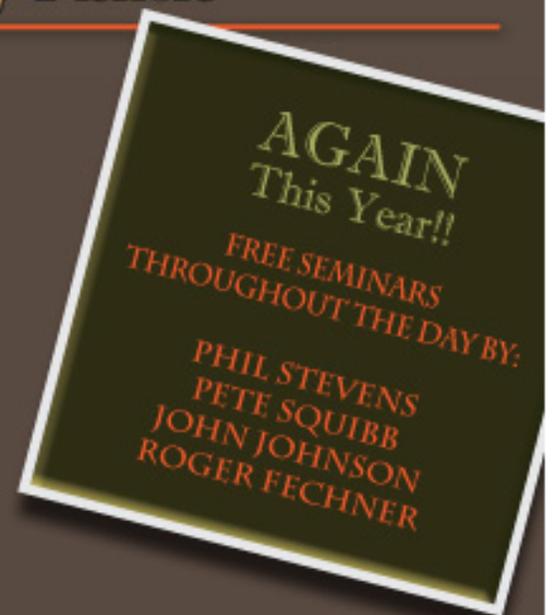
LIVE AUCTION AT 1:00 P.M.

\$10.00 FOR ADULTS
\$5.00 FOR CHILDREN 13-18
CHILDREN 12 AND UNDER ARE FREE.

CONTACT KAREN HARRISON
TO NOMINATE A TIER FOR THE EVENT AT
WWGCP@FRONTIER.COM

VISIT THE GLC WEBSITE FOR THE LATEST INFORMATION AT WWW.FFFGLC.ORG.

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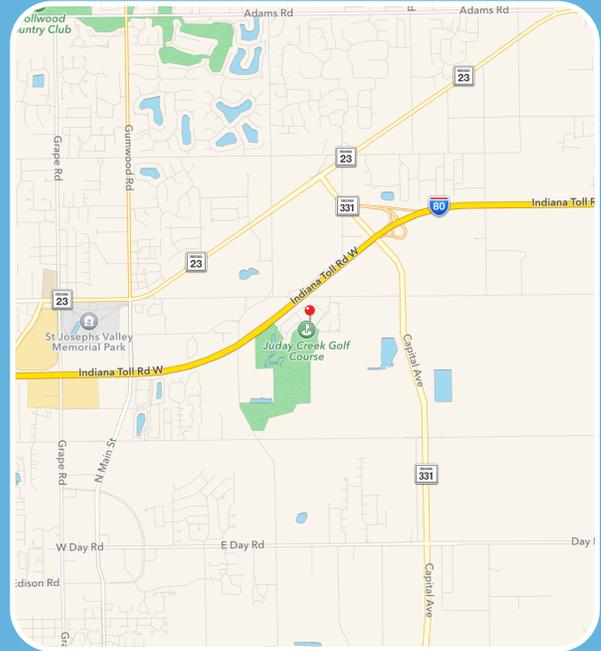


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UPCOMING EVENTS	NOV 28	DEC 18	DEC 25	JAN 15
	<p>Thanksgiving Time to start laying the hints for that rod or reel you want for Christmas</p>	<p>Club Meeting 6:30pm - Juday Creek Golf Course Event Center (see map above)</p>	<p>Christmas Day</p>	<p>Club Meeting 6:30pm - Juday Creek Golf Course Event Center (see map above)</p>

CLUB AWARDS AT DECEMBER MEETING!

The club awards are given annually at the December meeting. We are looking for nominations for the following:

- Okee Drifter
- Fly Fisher of the Year
- Fly Tier of the Year
- Harry Hustle

There are several ways to make a nomination. Email any of the board members with you nomination, make a nomination to any of the board members in person at the November meetings, or go to the SJRVFF website under the awards section and make a nomination there. For a detailed explanation of each award please go to the SJRVFF Website under the awards section. We need nominations from you...Please help.



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