

THE LOOP



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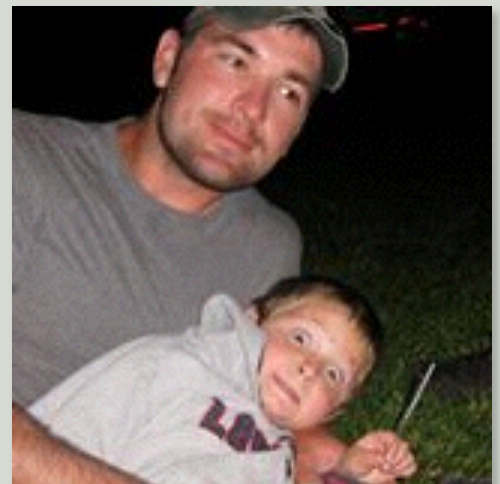


Wednesday
January 15 at
Juday Creek Golf
Course Event
Center

SJRVFF WELCOMES JAMIE CLOUS

Jamie Clous grew up in Cadillac, MI fishing many of the local streams and rivers. He later went to college at Northern Michigan University where he earned a degree in business all the while honing his skills on the wild trout of the U.P. It is also where he started what would become his full time career as a guide. Moving back to the Cadillac area after 6 year in the U.P. he had "a real job" long enough to realize it was not what he wanted to do forever. With the support of

his wife and family, Jamie started out guiding for Fullers North Branch Outing Club on the AuSable River where he became head guide. He later moved to his current fly shop at Old AuSable Fly Shop where he brings a life time of local knowledge and 11 years of guide expertise to the table. Jamie will be getting us looking forward to some warmer weather with a presentation on May hatches.





I hope everyone had a good holiday season and survived the brutal cold of late. In the realm of fly fishing I had an interesting holiday. I got to share a bit of my passion for the sport with a couple of my family members in very similar but very different ways. First, my father-in-law and then one of my nephews.

My father-in-law is planning to retire later this year and has talked about trying this fly fishing thing I talk so much about. So my wife and her siblings talked me into “guiding” him on a trip to some of the local waters around Indianapolis. I know several streams reasonably well down there so I agreed. I threw together a small box of some of my favorite smallmouth flies and made up a gift certificate looking thing and presented it as part of a larger gift from the family.

As he opened the box containing of a dozen different

gifts from the family, he pulled out the fly box and gift certificate and put everything else to the side. He was like a kid getting a new bike, but slower and with much less squealing. It was very gratify to see that excitement.

The next day I got out my little indoor casting rod with light cotton rope for fly line and yarn for leader. It's a great little toy for casting in the living room when its too cold to be on the river. It's also great for working out those bad habits in your casting stroke. In this case, it was a great way for me to introduce my father-in-law to casting a fly rod instead of a spinning rod. We proceeded to work on the up-stop-forward-stop motion of the cast. And we worked. And we worked. I'd forgotten how hard it was for me to get past the muscle memory of casting conventional tackle. How hard it is to STOP the rod and let the line roll out behind you and then in front of you.

My father-in-law was getting pretty frustrated until my six-year old nephew, John, walked in and asked if he could try. I taught him how to cast when he was only three and he actually had a pretty good stroke with that little rod. I wasn't sure he'd remember how now that he was twice as old. Sure enough, he grabbed the little rod and made about two bad casts before he started throwing nice tight loops across the living room. My father-in-law was watching closely and then asked John what he was mumbling. John replied “my name grandpa. I say my name when the rod is straight up before I cast it out.”

Little John is taking full credit now for teaching grandpa how to cast. This summer I'll get them both out on the river and see what happens when something pulls on the end of that line. I wonder which one will act more like a little kid hooking his first fish.



MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL TIME!

Membership renewal dues can be paid at the club meeting 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
Meal at 7:00
Meeting starts at 7:30

Location:

Juday Creek Golf
Course Event Center
14770 Lindy Drive
Granger, IN 46530

Parking is free.

Meal cost \$15.00/
person

MENU

Lasagna buffet



JANUARY RAFFLE

For the January meeting
Craig has lined us up
with a Vosseler DC2 7/8
fly reel.



2104 SJRVFF BUDGET

Each year the SJRVFF Treasurer puts together a budget for the upcoming year and presents it to the Board for review. After their review and approval, the Treasurer then presents the budget to the membership for review and approval. What you see to the right is the budget that will be presented at the January meeting. Feel free to ask any questions during the presentation. We will then take a vote on the budget.

ONE MORE TIME WITH THE ELECTION STUFF

Elections will be held at the January meeting at the Juday Creek Golf Course and Event Facilities located at 14770 Lindy Drive, Granger, Indiana, 46530. Dinner will be served at 7:00 pm and the proposed slate will be presented for a vote immediately after dinner.

Additional nominations can also be made at that time from the floor by any member in good standing. All members in good standing can then vote on the nominees and we will have our leadership for 2014 set. 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.

The proposed slate for 2014 includes:

- President - Don Reber
- Vice-President - Terry Wittorp
- Secretary - Jim Gibson
- Treasurer - Lee Troyer
- 1-Year Directors (2) - Billy Vail and Mary Hellen Znavor
- 2-Year Directors (2) - Tim Pote and Tom Coleman
- 3-Year Director (2) - Tom Rondo and Jeff Downing

SJRVFF 2014 PROPOSED BUDGET

	<u>2014 Budget</u>
<u>Income</u>	
April Auction	\$6,800.00
Membership	\$3,600.00
Raffles (Gross)	\$4,500.00
SJRVFF Logo Items (hats & gloves)	<u>\$100.00</u>
Total Income	\$15,000.00
<u>Expenses</u>	
Asset Purchases	\$250.00
Raffle Expenses	\$2,000.00
Outings	\$1,000.00
Dues & Subscriptions	\$600.00
Fly Tying Seminars	\$300.00
Grants Given	\$3,000.00
Library	\$200.00
Misc Business	\$1,500.00
Newsletter	\$500.00
Recognition/Awards	\$400.00
Speakers	\$4,000.00
Education - Tying 101 Classes	\$250.00
Conservation	<u>\$1,000.00</u>
Total Expenses	\$15,000.00

EIGHTH ANNUAL TIE-A-THON

On **April 12th** members of SJRVFF, members of Kalamazoo Valley Chapter of Trout Unlimited and many others, will come together to tie flies for the following three worthy causes:



The National Fishing in Schools Program (NFSP) is a 501(c)(3) not-for-profit designed 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**

The Kalamazoo Valley Chapter of Trout Unlimited (KVCTU) is a 501(c)(3) not-for-profit organization. KVCTU will use its flies for their educational fly fishing camp. The KVCTU is hosting the Michigan Youth Trout Camp July 6-July 10, 2014 at the Ralph A. MacMullan Conference Center on Higgins Lake, in the heart of Northern Michigan trout country. The four-day Camp is designed to educate 12-16 year old boys and girls, who will become our next generation of conservation leaders, about the importance of protecting our cold-water resources. Campers will learn that how we choose to use our land can affect the health of our streams, our trout, and ourselves. **For more information, check out www.kvctu.org.**

Warriors and Quiet Waters (WQW) is an organization dear to both Tie-a-thon founders, Tim Scott and Terry Wittorp. WQW is also a 501(c)(3) not-for-profit organization. Its mission is to provide traumatically injured U.S. servicemen and women from Iraq and Afghanistan with a high quality restorative program, utilizing the therapeutic experience of fly fishing on Montana waters. WQW brings wounded warriors to Montana for a six day program of fly fishing and recreation. Most warriors who come are still in rehab in the military hospital system. Once there, they have the opportunity to relax and to learn to fly fish in the quiet and beautiful surroundings of Montana and neighboring Yellowstone Park. **For more, check out www.warriorsandquietwaters.org.**

This is a good time to get a jump on your flies. You don’t have to be an expert tyer to donate flies and you can certainly donate more than 100. Many first time fly tyers have participated; this gives you a chance to become very good tying at least one fly. If you need help learning a pattern; contact Tim Scott, and he will be happy to give you a lesson.

As in the past, the Elkhart Conservation Club has graciously donated the use of their main building.



NFSP

NATIONAL FISHING IN SCHOOLS PROGRAM



These are the flies to tie: (tie 100 flies of one pattern)

<i>Fly</i>	<i>Size</i>	<i>Fly</i>	<i>Size</i>
Adams	14	Hoppers	10 - 4
Elk Hair Caddis	14 -16	Green Drakes	8
Dubbing / Hackle Ant	18-20	Stonefly Nymphs	8 - 4
Griffith Gnat	20-22	Copper Johns	18 - 12
Soft Hackle	14 -16	Lightning bugs	18 - 12
BWO RG Emerger	18-22	San Juan Worms	18 - 12
Caddis Nymph	16-18	Lime green trudes	16-8
Hare’s Ear	12-14	Stimulators	10 - 4
Pheasant Tail	14-16	Beetles	18-14
Woolly Buzzer	10	Mickey Finn	8
Clouser’s Minnow	8		

Intermediate Fly Tying Class

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.

To sign up and pay for the class, contact Rose Kauffman at the Howard Park Senior Center, (574) 235-9428 or hpseniors@aol.com.



2014 FLY TYING SEMINARS

At this time we have Kevin Compton lined up for February to be a guest tier. Kevin will be tying for us on February 15th. Kevin is the owner of Performance Flies out of the Cleveland, Ohio area. If you haven't been to the Performance Flies web site (www.performanceflies.com) you are missing out on some of the most cutting edge materials available. And Kevin knows how to use it all. He was the 2006 runner-up in the Team USA National Fly Tying Competition sponsored by Fly Tyer magazine. In September of 2006, he traveled to Portugal to the World Fly Fishing Championship where he contributed flies to the US competitors. Since 2007 he has tied for members of Team USA at the National Championships and the America's Cup. He'll be spending a day showing us some of the tricks of his trade. There are still two spots available for this class so get your reservation in if you want to take part.

The tier for March will be announced as soon as we get schedules worked out.

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 Saturday 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. This all happens at the Elkhart Conservation Club's main building. The cost for the seminars is \$50.00 and is open to all who want to attend until the spaces are filled. Typically there is a limit of 15 tiers per class.

Please contact Todd Ezzell at m3plus2@hotmail.com or 574-202-0255 if you need more information or would like to reserve a spot.

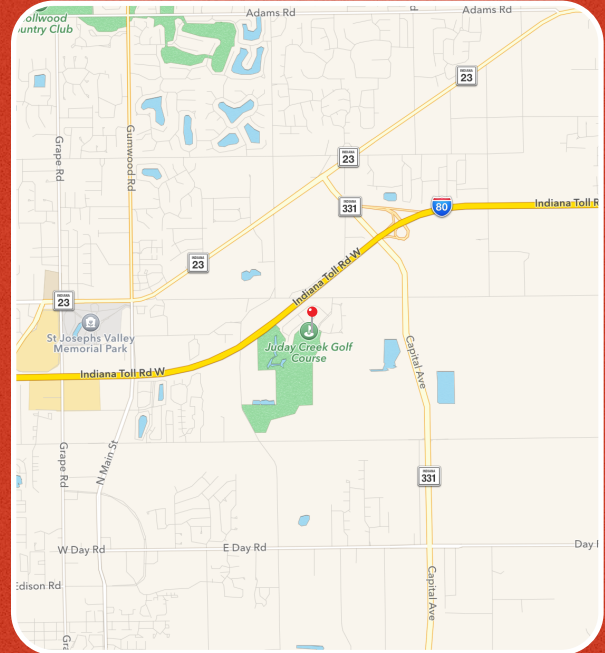
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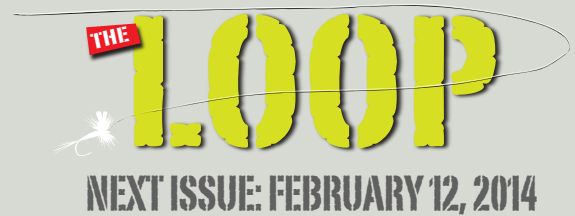
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UPCOMING EVENTS	FEB 14	FEB 19	FEB 30	MAR 19
	<p>St. Valentine's Day</p> <p>Good day to put some points in the bank!</p>	<p>Club Meeting</p> <p>6:30pm - Juday Creek Golf Course Event Center</p> <p>(see map above)</p>	<p>National Holiday</p>	<p>Club Meeting</p> <p>6:30pm - Juday Creek Golf Course Event Center</p> <p>(see map above)</p>

READY FOR THE APRIL AUCTION?

Yes, its only January but, if you're like me, something like the April auction can sneak up on you if you don't spend a little time preparing. Your preparations might include building a nice little two weight rod that I've been wanting. Or picking up an extra bobbin at the fly shop to donate for the auction. Or hitting up your favorite guide or lodge for a donation to the club. Maybe its starting to squirrel away a few bucks a week so you'll have plenty of cash available on the big night. What ever your preparations are, its a good time to start.

Our Auction Team is well on its way to making this year's auction as good as ever. Get in touch with Terry Wittorp if you plan to donate something special or can help him out.



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