



Dustin New, Editor



Wednesday,
February 19 at Juday
Creek Golf Course
Event Center

SJRVFF WELCOMES KEVIN FEENSTRA

Since he was quite young, Kevin has fished West Michigan streams. In his early 20's he began guiding as an alternative to graduate school. Now 17 years later, he has never looked back. Kevin's passion is swinging flies for Midwestern steelhead, but he loves to fly fish for any predator that swims. He now resides in Newaygo, Michigan, guiding 180-200 days per year on the Muskegon River System (and fishing whenever he can). His flies have been published in books, magazines, and online and he has written articles for international, national, and regional fly

fishing magazines. He is featured in a handful of DVDs and has authored current DVDs for steelhead and smallmouth bass.

In addition to fly fishing, Kevin has developed a real passion for outdoor photography. Through photography he hopes to capture the special character of Midwest fish, rivers, and wildlife.

Kevin's been with us before talking about fishing the Muskegon but this time he will share his passion for photography with us through a presentation titled



"Fish, Wildlife, and Scenery of one of Michigan's Great Rivers". This will be a photo and video based program that focuses on the ecology of the river.



Get involved!

As it's been said, *the strength of any organization is determined by the involvement of its members.*

This certainly pertains to us. As an organization we attempt to provide you, the members, with educational and enjoyable programs that help you become a better Fly Fisherman and Sportsman. Accomplishing this takes a tremendous amount of work. As with a lot of volunteer organizations, many times the burden of this falls on the shoulders of a few hard working and dedicated members. However; we need MORE help and that's where more membership involvement is needed. If you're one of the select few who have been involved; thank you!!

If not, I asked you to jump from the sidelines and get involved.

Our organization is set up with a board of Directors and several committees. The committees include:

- Librarian
- Food
- Events
- Conservation
- Newsletter
- Web Editor
- Ghilie/Auction
- Education

Ideally each Committee has a Committee Chair and 1-2 Committee members. This is where we are falling short and your help is needed. Without the involvement of Committee members the Committee Chairman tends to take on all the work and eventually burns them self out. Once the Committee Chairman has decided they've had enough,

there's no progression order for another member to take over. As a result, the Committee becomes dysfunctional and eventually falls apart—we need to prevent this from happening!

At our February General Membership meeting, a Committee sign-up sheet will be distributed. If you can spare a couple hours a month, please consider signing up to serve on one of the Committees. I assure you; your involvement will give you the sense of accomplishment knowing that you are working to make things better not only for yourself, as a member, but for the continued success of our organization as a whole.

- Don



MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL TIME!

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

SJRVFF
P.O. Box 933
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- 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
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

Chicken Breast and
Wild Rice



FEBRUARY RAFFLE

For the February meeting
Craig has lined us up
with a St. Croix Legend
Elite 9'6" 7 wt rod.



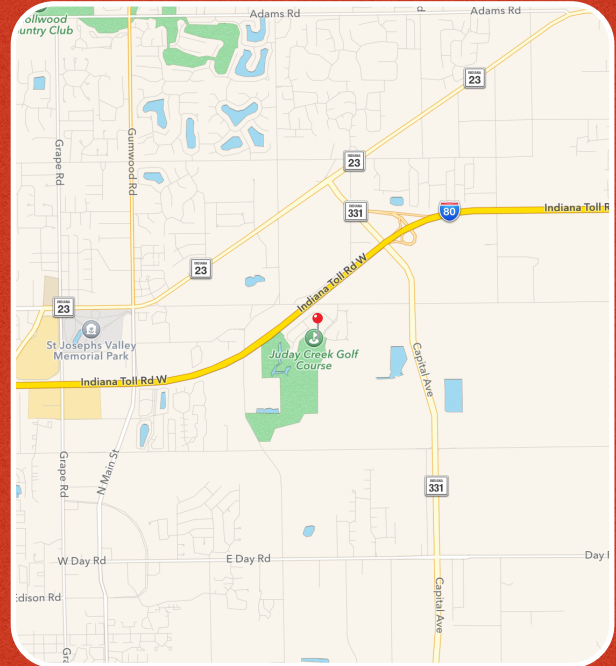
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If your going to attend the club meeting February 15th please email Terry at terryflyfish@hotmail.com or call and leave a message at 269-424-5138. We need to give the folks at the Juday Creek Golf Course Event Center a number for people coming. Please respond by 9:00 pm on the Monday before the meeting.

UPCOMING EVENTS	FEB 14	FEB 15	FEB 19	MAR 19
	Valentine's Day Bank some points now to get a new rod later.	Tying Seminar Kevin Compton ECC Main Building	Club Meeting 6:30pm - Juday Creek Golf Course Event Center (see map above)	Club Meeting 6:30pm - Juday Creek Golf Course Event Center (see map above)

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 Bugger	10	Mickey Finn	8
Clouser's Minnow	8		



EDITOR'S COLUMN

by Dustin New

I'm strangely enthralled by the olympics. Don't get me wrong, I probably watch as much sports as anyone. But, so many of the sports of the olympic sports seem like extreme versions of stuff I'm not really interested in doing. Let alone watching. Yet I am watching. I think it was people skiing with guns that got me started watching. And who didn't fantasize about going 60 mph down a hill on a sled? I grew up skiing when snowboarding was just getting started and I didn't like those guys very much. Can't say I've changed much there. And why is curling still in the olympics? Drop

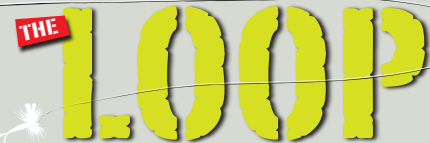
that and give me more stuff with guns.

I received a package in the mail today. A bunch of hooks, a handful of cones and beads and some feathers. I'll be spending plenty of time over the coming weeks putting that stuff to use. I'll be tying lots of the same pattern in different colors and sizes. Gradually getting to the point of pulling out just the right amount of dubbing to make the perfect tapered body. Learning the ideal number of wraps. Doing it over and over to get it perfect. Or at least as good as I can do it.

There are a few people who

win gold medals at the olympics but there are a whole bunch of others that got there by doing what they love as best they can. It may not win them a medal but you have to respect their commitment. They did make it there after all.

I think I'm going to track down one of those cool Netherlands baseball hats in time for spring fishing.



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