

THE

LOOP



Dustin New, Editor



SJRVFF WELCOMES TOMMY LYNCH

The Fish Whisperer Guide Service, located in Baldwin Michigan and local to the famous Pere Marquette River, is one of Michigan's premier guide services. Tommy Lynch, owner, with over 20 years of guiding experience, and almost 30 years of Fly Fishing under his belt, has stayed well ahead of the pack by becoming an innovator and not a follower all while being a great instructor.

Whether you're interested in Stripping or Swinging Streamers for Browns & Steelhead, tightening your Indicator/Nymphing Skills for Trout or Steelhead, or even pulling "Creature-like" patterns through

and on the water for Larger Browns that go "Gulp" in the night... Tommy has taken it to the next level and can keep you in the fish while keeping you out of any traffic.

The Fish Whisperer Guide service prides itself on being an instructor first, and a guide second... Sometimes you don't need a guide as much as you need a casting instructor, and the measure of a good fly fishing guide isn't the one who puts you on the most fish with the least technique, (THAT IS WAY TOO EASY AND LACKS SPORT); it's the guide who gives you a ton of technique so you can catch that ONE fish that means



so much more than the lot of them. It's not always about the destination, the sport within this grand sport of fly fishing can be found in the journey not the end result... For Tommy that has always been clear!

Wednesday,
March 19 at
Juday Creek Golf
Course Event
Center



It's that time of the year again and like most volunteer groups, once a year we go through the process of collecting membership fees. It's not the most enjoyable thing we do, but it needs to be done. As we approach the deadline, I thought it would be a good time to remind everyone the value you receive from being a member of the SJRVFF club.

Last year alone we were able to:

- Contribute \$3,500 to charitable causes and assist other fishing clubs in the betterment of our local habitats.
- Provide you with quality speakers such as Josh Lantz, Kevin Thompson, Glenn Weisney, Brian Meszaros & Kevin Feenstra...who didn't walk away with more knowledge after each of these presentations?
- Provide several Fly tying seminars and classes.
- Participate alongside members of the Kalamazoo Valley Chapter of Trout Unlimited and other organizations, in the seventh Annual Tie-A-Thon for Reel Recovery, an organization dedicated to the physical and emotional rehabilitation of men dealing with cancer.
- Raise funds for the benefit of our club through *our* Annual Auction.
- Enjoy the comrade of fly fishing and stories at Opening Day, Closing day and Salomon outings, just to name a few.
- Keep our member's current on the clubs affairs through the monthly publication of our clubs newsletter 'The Loop'.
- Continue maintaining our company library full of educational materials dedicated to helping us become better anglers.
- Participate in several conversation projects including the cleanup of McCoy Creek, the stabilization project on the Little Elkhart, as well as the completion of the monofilament recycling tube project.

These are just a few of the highlights that we were able to do and be a part of thanks to our contributions. Please show your appreciation for all the SJRVFF club does by renewing your membership **today!**

The dues are still just \$20.00 for individuals and \$35.00 for a family membership.

- Don



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

- 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, 2013 is automatically covered for the year 2014.



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

MARCH RAFFLE

For the March meeting
Craig has lined us up
with a 3w Hatch reel plus
some other assorted
goodies.

HATCH
PREMIUM FLY FISHING REELS

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.



NFSP

NATIONAL FISHING IN SCHOOLS PROGRAM

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

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		



APRIL IS FAST APPROACHING...

It's almost time for our Annual Fundraiser on April 16th. The doors open at 5:30 PM at the Juday Creek Golf Course Event Center. As usual, the general auction will be run by auctioneer Dave Goodrich. Dinner will be served at 6:30 PM and the bidding will begin immediately afterward.

Next week's meeting is the last one before the auction. In hopes of making the auction better for everyone we are going to do things a little differently this year. We are hoping to have as many items on hand before the auction, so we can categorize them (live, silent or bucket) and have a program sheet for all upon arrival. Also, new this year, there will be two "deck

of card" raffles One will be \$20 to pick a card. The winning card will get to choose any item from the live auction The second card raffle will be \$10 a card for a Yeti cooler.



Please bring items to next weeks meeting. If you have any questions please contact Terry Wittorp at 269.424.5138 or email at terryflyfish@hotmail.com

- Terry

TIME TO PLOT YOUR MOVES

So you're planning to attend next month's Auction. But do you have a plan? Some planning on your part is clearly in order. We are sure to have some special offers and items up for bid. So you get your wallet in order. Get with a friend and figure out a game plan for some larger items.

The annual auction is the one an only fundraiser that SJRVFF holds with all proceeds used to fund programs throughout the year such as conservation, education, outings, etc. Your participation is greatly appreciated and ensures that the SJRVFF continues to move forward. One way to help, is to donate items to be auctioned off that you may not use anymore but are still in good serviceable condition. This would include items such as sponsored fishing trips, flies, fishing equipment, books, etc. If you have such items and would like to donate them please get in touch with me at 574-202-0255 or m3plus2@hotmail.com or Terry Wittorp at 269-424-5138 or terryflyfish@hotmail.com and we can make arrangements to pick up the items from you and get them into this years auction. Any and all donations are greatly appreciated.

- Todd

OPENING DAY ROD RAFFLE

We are very lucky to be able to offer for this year's Opening Day Rod Raffle a Winston rod. Sounds vague? Well it is, but in a very good way. The winning ticket will have the opportunity for a rod of your choice. That's not just A Winston rod but THE Winston rod you've always wanted.

More details will be coming at the club meeting and in next months newsletter.

Tommy Martin will be selling tickets at the upcoming meetings and on Opening Day. The drawing will be held at 1:00 pm at the Opening Day Outing, Saturday, April 26.

If you've thought about a Winston fly rod this is your opportunity to get what you want.

Ticket prices:

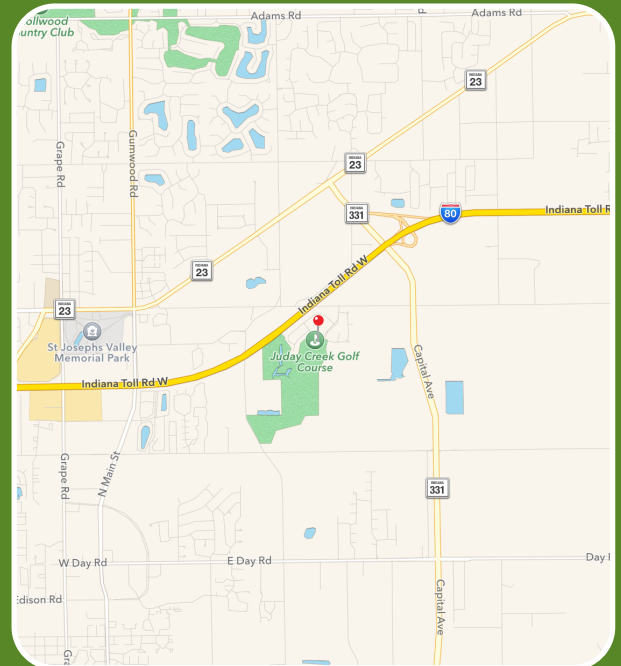
- One for \$5
- Three for \$10.00
- Seven for \$20.00

DIRECTORS

- President: Don Reber
- Vice-President: Terry Witorp
- Treasurer: Lee Troyer
- Secretary: Jim Gibson
- 1 Year Director: Billy Vail
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- 2 Year Director: Tim Pote
- 2 Year Director: Tom Coleman
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- 3 Year Director: Jeff Downing

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- Librarian: Blake Morris
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UPCOMING EVENTS

April

12th- Tie A Thon
16th- SJRVFF Club Auction
26th- Opening Day Outing

May

21st- SJRVFF club meeting at the Elkhart Conservation Club
26th- Wednesday Night Fishing begins

June

28th- Grand Slam/One Fly Contest

July

27th- Small Mouth Outing

October

18th-Salmon Outing

December

6th- Fly Tying Seminar

COMING TO THE MEETING?

If you're going to attend the club meeting March 19th 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 Friday.**



Two parrots sitting on a perch. The first one says to the other: "Can you smell fish?"

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