

# THE LOOP



Dustin New, Editor



Wednesday, May  
20 at The Elkhart  
Conservation Club,  
Little Cabin

## SJRVFF WELCOMES VICTOR EDWARDS

**Victor Edwards** will be joining us to talk about **The Bamboo Bend Project**, an annual eight day event that takes place on the banks of the East Branch of the Au Sable River. Wounded and injured military members and veterans hand build a high quality bamboo fly rod assisted by master rod makers. At the end of the program, each participant takes home the completed bamboo fly rod that they built. They also receive a top end reel, premium fly line, and local flies. There are also numerous

opportunities for our warriors to fly fish with professional guides from both drift boats and Au Sable riverboats, along with wading local rivers and streams. The Bamboo Bend Project provides our warriors with a place to recharge, heal, learn new skills and to build lifelong relationships with fellow warriors and the local community. Past participants talk enthusiastically to this day about treasured memories and making new friends, remembered anew each



time they use the rod *they* built themselves. This event is offered at NO cost to the veteran. "Handcrafted Healing" The SJRVFF proudly supported this program last year with a grant.



### **Opening Day Outing**

This years SJRVFF Opening Day Outing was held at Bobbie Labar's farm in Cassopolis, MI on Saturday, April 26th. If you were unable to attend, you missed a great time with good friends and good food. I am not really sure how the fishing ended up for those who fished but I can tell you that the outing was enjoyed by all. Tim Pote was this years winner of the Opening Day Raffle...congrats Tim. I would like to especially thank Bobbie Labar for once again putting up with us. Bobbie is a very gracious host and it is always a pleasure to see her. I would also like to offer a sincere thank you to Terry Wittorp for once again cooking the best turkey I have ever had...Thanks

Terry! And last but certainly not least, I would like to thank Eric Graham for all of his help with cooking and serving lunch...Thanks Eric! So, With the 2014 SJRVFF Opening Day Outing in the books, all I can say is that it was a blast.

Also, it would seem that a Pentax camera and two folding chairs were left behind. If you are missing one or more of these items, please contact me at 574-522-6545 or [m3plus2@hotmail.com](mailto:m3plus2@hotmail.com) and I will see that they get returned to you.

### **Wednesday Night Fishing**

Wednesday night fishing will resume on Wednesday, May 28th, 2014. We will meet at Bobbie Labar's farm at 6:00 pm and fish the

Dowagiac creek that runs through her property.

Directions to Labar's farm- From Cassopolis, MI. take Okeefe Rd north to Engle St. (approx. 3.5 mi). Turn left onto Engle St. and Labar's Farm is about 1/2 mile west of Okeefe Rd on the south side of the street. The address is 23683 Engle St. Cassopolis, MI.

Please use the driveway to the west of the house and park in the clearing behind the outbuilding. Please DO NOT park in the pasture to the east of the house by the barn.

Check the website [sjrvff.com](http://sjrvff.com) each week to find where we'll be fishing each Wednesday night.

See you there,  
Todd



### GOT YOUR MEMBERSHIP?

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

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

- You can still pay your dues by credit card through the website. 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. Membership cards for paid members can be picked up at a meeting but you can still do your part supporting the club while continuing to receive the LOOP.
- You can still get your name on the "good" list and 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:

Food will be ready about 6:30 PM, We'll listen to the presentation about 7:00.

**Location:** The Little Cabin at the Elkhart Conservation Club (see map on page four)

**Parking is free.**

Meal cost FREE.

### MENU

Some sort of tasty meat prepared on the grill and served on a bun

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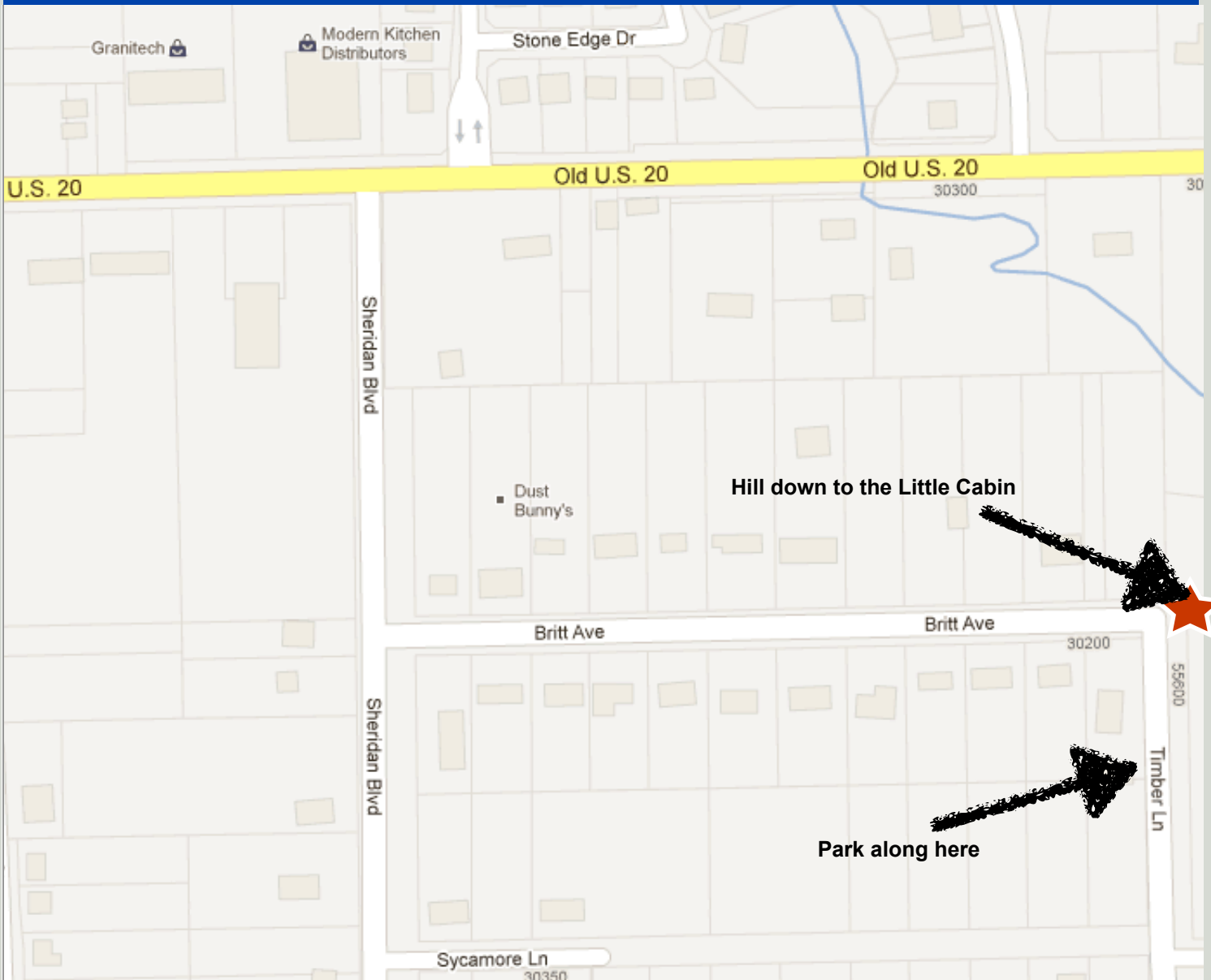
Assorted Sodas and Water

No Cash Bar (sorry guys)



"You catch me, throw me back. You catch me, throw me back. Dude, get a life!"

If you get directions to the Elkhart Conservation Club you'll be close but on the wrong side of Cobus Creek. You want to go south on Sheridan Blvd to Britt Ave and down Britt Ave to the corner with Timber Lane. There's a dirt road leading down from that corner to the Little Cabin. Park along timber Lane. Please be respectful of the neighbors in the area. Bring a rod and some waders if you want to see what lives in these waters. (Hint - they raise brown trout right there!)



UPCOMING EVENTS	JUNE	JULY	AUGUST	SEPT 18
	<p><b>NOTICE THE BUGS ON YOUR WINDSHIELD? GET YOUR WADERS ON AND GO!</b></p>	<p><b>LOW WATER TIME AND LONG DAYS. GET OUT THERE AND PIERCE SOME LIPS!</b></p>	<p><b>FISH MORE.</b></p>	<p><b>Club Meeting</b> 6:30pm - Location to be announced</p>

# SJRFFF MID-YEAR TREASURER'S REPORT - MAY 12, 2014

- Raffle Account – Balance \$7,249.25
- Member Account – Balance \$10,780.05  
(\$707.00 of this is the Dave Fuller Fund)
- Total Balance Raffle and Member Accounts = \$18,029.30
- Conservation Fund – Baird Account (as of 3/19/2014) \$7,547.60

Budget Analysis as of 05/12/2014				
		<u>2014 Budget</u>	<u>To Date</u>	<u>Difference</u>
<b><u>Income</u></b>				
	April Auction	\$9,800	\$5,276.62	-\$4,523.38
	Membership	\$3,600	\$537.78	-\$3,062.22
	Raffles (Gross)	\$4,500	\$4,361.00	-\$139.00
	SJRFFF Logo Items (hats & gloves)	\$100	\$0.00	-\$100.00
	Dave Fuller Fund	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$7.00</u>	<u>\$7.00</u>
	<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$18,000</b>	<b>\$10,182.40</b>	<b>-\$7,817.60</b>
<b><u>Expenses</u></b>				
	Auction Expense	\$3,000	\$1,054.41	\$1,945.59
	Asset Purchases	\$250	\$58.84	\$191.16
	Raffle Expenses	\$2,000	\$1,611.25	\$388.75
	Outings	\$1,000	\$481.62	\$518.38
	Dues & Subscriptions	\$600	\$500.00	\$100.00
	Fly Tying Seminars	\$300	-\$35.80	\$335.80
	Grants Given	\$3,000	\$3,000.00	\$0.00
	Library	\$200	\$80.00	\$120.00
	Misc Business	\$1,500	\$271.95	\$1,228.05
	Newsletter	\$500	\$147.42	\$352.58
	Recognition/Awards	\$400	\$98.23	\$301.77
	Monthly Meeting Meals	\$0	\$60.00	-\$60.00
	Speakers	\$4,000	\$1,010.00	\$2,990.00
	Education - Tying 101 Classes	\$250	\$0.00	\$250.00
	Conservation	\$1,000	\$0.00	\$1,000.00
	Tie-A-Thon	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$493.54</u>	<u>-\$493.54</u>
	<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$18,000</b>	<b>\$8,831.46</b>	<b>\$9,168.54</b>
<b>Note: \$375 in memberships collected in Sept &amp; Oct not included in these budget numbers.</b>				

## DIRECTORS

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