

THE LOOP



Dustin New, Editor



Wednesday,
November 19 at
Juday Creek Golf
Course Event
Center

SJRVFF WELCOMES BEAR ANDREWS

Michigan native **Jeff “Bear” “Jimmy” Andrews** has been fly fishing and tying flies for 48 years. In 1998 he was the recipient of the “Buz” Buszek Memorial Fly Tying Award, the highest honor bestowed upon a fly tyer by the Federation of Fly Fishers. At the time he was the youngest to have ever received the award and only the third from the Midwest. Annually Bear travels throughout the United States and Europe sharing his tying skills through demonstrations and classes. Bear’s extensive fly tying background has led to the development of deadliest carp patterns on the planet. From 1977 until 1984 he ran Bear’s Fly Shop in Grand Ledge,

Michigan. He has tied flies commercially for 34 years, producing as many as 24,000 flies a year. For ten years Bear has held a 24 hour tying marathon to raise money for FFF conservation projects, raising over \$140,000.00. Bear’s flies are sought after by both collectors as well as fly fishers. His flies have appeared in numerous books and magazines; as well as limited edition artwork. He is currently the Fly Fishing Editor for Michigan Out-Of Doors magazine and has been for over 20 years. In 1999 he released his first in a series of fly tying instructional videos, currently available in DVD format are “Best Of The Bear Steelhead”



“Best Of The Bear Steelhead II “ and “Best Of The Bear Tying Traditions”. Since 2000, Bear’s flies have been available in fly shops through the Umpqua Feather Merchants Fly Tyers Royalty Program. Currently Bear guides for Fuller’s North Branch Outing Club in Lovells, Michigan guiding for trout, salmon, steelhead, and carp on the fly.



November is the beginning of the holiday season. It's time to relax, enjoy time with your family and friends and reflect on the past year. However, my ABSOLUTE favorite part of the holiday season is that it marks the beginning of the winter steelhead season. I know some think I'm crazy but I love winter fishing. To me there are few things more exhilarating than a cold winter day, waist deep fighting a big Steely; it just doesn't get much better than that.

November is also a very important month for the club as we hold our Annual Meeting. The purpose of the Annual Meeting is for the President to report on the activities of the club and the election of individuals to each position on the Board of Directors. I want to thank the nominating Chairperson, Thomas Rondo,

for his extra effort securing all of our nominees. I'm pleased to report that we have nominations to fill the open position of Secretary as well as the two board positions. All the candidates are very qualified individuals who've agreed to step forward and give a little extra for the betterment of the club. We ask that every member in good standing to please attend and vote on the new slate of candidates or nominate another individual who you feel would be a good fit for the club.

Lastly, I wanted to remind everyone that our December meeting is dedicated to honoring the service of our own members and recognizing those that have gone above and beyond in their service to SJRVFF. The categories for nominations are *Fly Tier of the Year*, *Fly Fisher of the Year*,

Harry Hustle "Todd Ezzell" Award, *Oakie Drifter* and the *Life Time Membership Award*. A detailed description for each of these awards can be found on our website. Please take the time to show your appreciation by nominating a fellow member for their extraordinary efforts by going to our website and clicking on the link—[Nominate an Angler for an Award](#). Keep in mind that during the month of December we give each of you a chance to share a great trip that you had with other club members or perhaps one that you had on your own. Please let us know if you'd like to share an experience you had this year with the club.

Hope to see you the 19th!

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IT'S THAT TIME AGAIN!

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

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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 need a good head count for dinner planning for our group. They charge us if we tell them too many so get your name in or you might go hungry!

RSVP by emailing Terry at terryflyfish@hotmail.com or call and leave a message at 269-424-5138.

Please respond by 9:00 pm on the Friday.

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

Delicious buffet

NOVEMBER RAFFLE

For the November meeting Craig has lined us up with:

- Cabelas RLS +COMBO 9' 8WT 4PC. Includes rod, reel, and flyline. (Fish not included)
- 1 dozen carp flies
- Ottlite fly tying lamp



FISH PORN

by Jim Lothary

In a yet to be discovered cave somewhere in Asia there is a painting. Centuries ago a man named Omag painted a picture of a fish on the wall of the cave. He gathered his friends in and regaled them with the story of how he caught the fish with a stick, a vine and a bone hook adorned with a feather. While they listened to his story what really impressed them was the picture. And so, fish porn was born. So was art, public speaking, lying and what would become the multibillion dollar fishing equipment industry, all pillars of our modern society.

My addiction to fish porn started at an early age. My older brother had a stash of magazines that I found. I would look at the pictures at night with a flashlight under my blanket.

Later I discovered fish porn in the school library, next to the National Geographic magazines were copies of Outdoor Life. Grainy pictures of big bass, white bellied muskies and brook trout with bright red spots were right there in the school library!

Today's fish porn is way beyond those flat images of yesteryear. With high resolution digital cameras and modern printing techniques it's almost as though you could reach out and touch the fish. And the posing and action shots are incredible. Although I do wonder at times whether the fish are airbrushed or truly natural.

You may wonder whether you are addicted to fish porn. Here are some signs of this addiction:

Do you subscribe to two or more fishing magazines but tell you wife you just read them for the "interesting articles?"

Do you have a stack of fishing magazines hidden in your den or a corner of your garage?

Do you judge a guide doing a presentation to the club not on his or her tips, knowledge of their waters or casting skills but on whether the slides presented have pictures of really big fish?

Do you stare at the 22" brown trout on cover of a fishing magazine for 15 seconds before you even notice the 22 year old cutie holding the fish?

If you answered yes to any of these you may be addicted to fish porn. Fortunately, fish porn is not dangerous although it may lead to other vices like rod envy and traveling to Licking, Missouri. I'm thinking of forming a chapter of FPA, Fish Porn Anonymous. let me know if you want to join.



BEGINNING FLY TYING CLASSES

The SJRVFF teaches 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**. 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. For more information please contact Jeff Stanifer or Dustin New.

ELECTION TIME IS HERE

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 November 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 2015 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 a board member.

Positions Available

Each year two of the six directors rotate off of the board and are replaced. Additionally, Jim Gibson will not be returning to the Secretary position. So the positions available are:

- Secretary
- 3-Year Director (2)

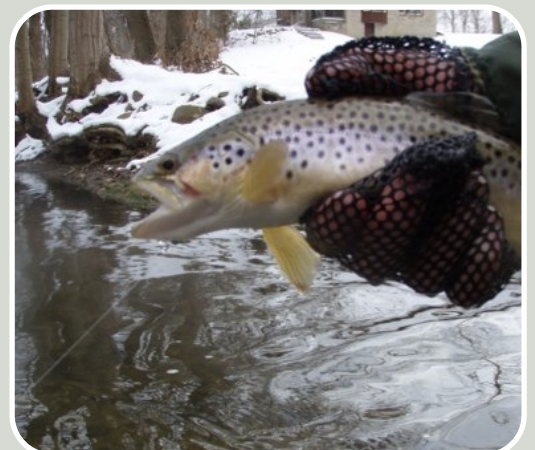
The Perks

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.



NINETH ANNUAL TIE-A-THON APRIL 11TH

On **April 11th** members of SJRVFF, members of Kalamazoo Valley Chapter of Trout Unlimited and many others, will come together to tie flies for Flyin' Heroes of Muskegon, MI. In nine years, fly tyers have donated over 65,000 flies to various good causes such as Flyin' Heroes who use fly fishing for education or therapy.

About the Recipient

Flyin' Heroes is a program that utilizes the sport of fly fishing to promote therapeutic growth and rehabilitation of U.S. military veterans. The goal of Flyin' Heroes is to create memorable fly fishing experiences that unlock the healing power of the water and foster lasting relationships.



Participants of Flyin' Heroes will experience a unique guided float trip down the Pere Marquette River, Muskegon River and/or the White River located in West Michigan. Each participant will be instructed on the basic techniques of fly fishing and/or light tackle for trout and other game species.

Fishing is simply the tool that allows a connection with our local community of veterans. The focus is on the importance of creating lasting relationships and life long memories on the river.

Flyin' Heroes utilizes individualized personal trips, which are used to empower and inspire veterans to make positive gains towards mental health and living productive, fulfilling lives. Harnessing the power of the river, giving thanks to all who have served. For more information, check out www.flyinheroes.org. Pick a pattern, tie it up and donate to the Tie-a-thon!

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

<i>Fly</i>	<i>Size</i>
Adams	14
Ant	18 - 20
Beetles	18 - 14
Blue Wing Olive Emerger	18 - 22
Caddis Nymph	16 - 18
Clouser's Minnow	8
Cone-Head white rabbit leaches	4-6
Elk Hair Caddis	14 - 16
Griffith Gnat	20 - 22
Hare's Ear	12 - 14
Mickey Finn	8
Nuke Eggs	10 - 4
Pheasant Tail	14 - 16
Soft Hackle	14 - 16
Woolly Buzzer	10
Zoo Cougar	4



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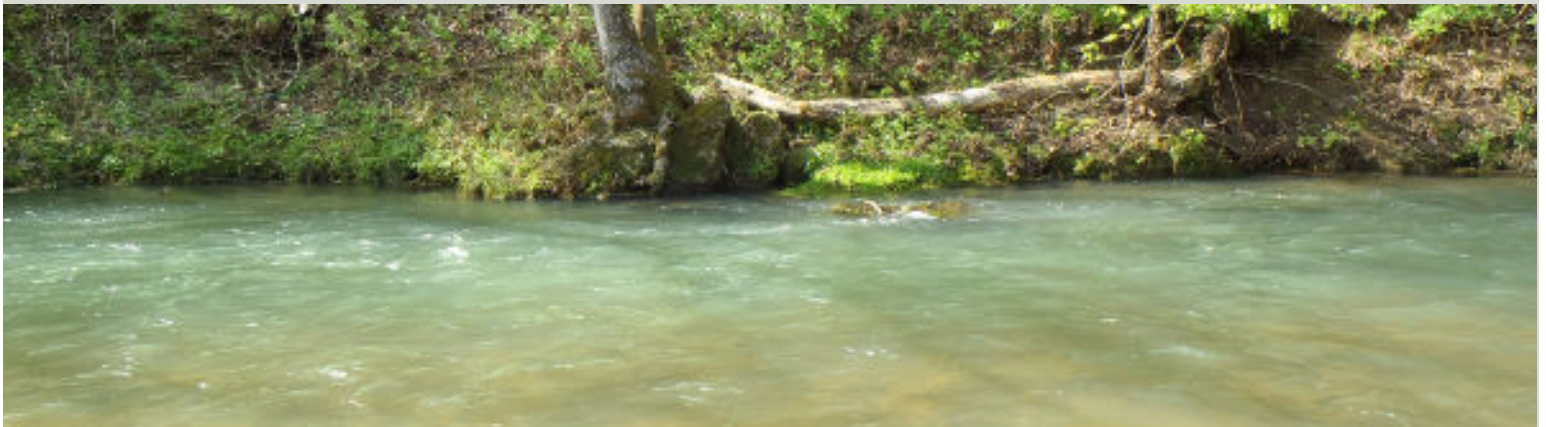


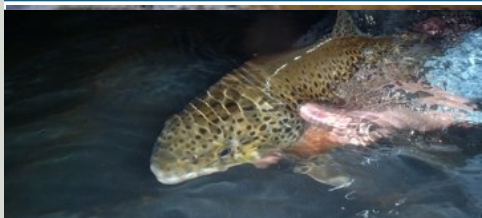
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UPCOMING EVENTS	NOV 27	DEC 17	DEC 25	JAN 21
	<p>Thanksgiving Time to start laying the hints for that rod or reel you want for Christmas</p>	<p>Club Meeting 6:30pm - Juday Creek Golf Course Event Center</p>	<p>Christmas Day</p>	<p>Club Meeting 6:30pm - Juday Creek Golf Course Event Center</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 meeting 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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