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# LOOP



Dustin New, Editor



Wednesday,  
December 17th  
at  
Juday Creek Golf  
Course Event  
Center

## SJRVFF WELCOMES ONE AND ALL...

The December meeting is a time to celebrate the past year. We will do that by giving out several awards to some very deserving members. Some are deserving for their good deeds, some are giving for their less fortunate experiences. Along with the awards, a few of our members will be sharing presentations on some memorable trips from the past season. These presentations are sure to include pictures of beautiful places and the obligatory grip and grin shots. It'll be just like telling stories with

your buddies while sitting around a campfire, except without the campfire. And the addition of pictures. And better food. And a raffle. And a comfortable seat.





It's hard to believe it has been a year since I've taken over as President of the SJRVFF Club. The past year has been challenging and yet extremely rewarding for me as I've learned and adapted to my new role within the club. I appreciate the help and support from board members, officers, and club members who have been supportive and patient as I've learned the ropes. Thanks to all of you, Here are some of the things we have accomplished together this year...

**Stabilizing the board**—First, I want to thank our current and proposed board members and officers. A year ago we were struggling to find members to fill vacancies on the board as well as officers. Going into 2015 things are quite different - we have a full board and officers in place to lead our club into a new year. A special thank you to Jim Gibson (outgoing Secretary) as well as Mary Helen Znavor and Billy Vail (outgoing board members) for the time they've committed to making our club one of the best around. They are being succeeded by Jim Lothary (Secretary) and Craig Meyer and John Law as 3 year board members.

**Cobus Creek Conservation project**—Through efforts of our Conservation Chairman John Law, Grayson Davis and the students of Valparaiso University, Joe Mitchell of River Tenders and several Cobus neighborhood residents, our club participated in the ongoing Cobus Creek Project. Thank you to those who participated.

**Social Media**— We took our first step in the world of social media with the development of our Facebook page. Check it out; I think you will be impressed...and remember to 'like' us when you get there.

**Fly Tying classes**—We are back on track and completing the final plans for classes that cater to both the experienced and new tier.

**Monthly Membership Meetings**—I'm very pleased with the information we've been able to present at our monthly meetings. The information I've learned will most certainly make me a better fly fisherman. Also, thanks for your cooperation as we instituted a reservation process. It really helps us plan.

**Club events**—We were able to bring back Wednesday night fishing, continued our Opening Day and Salmon outings, as well as participated in the Fly Casting on the Joe event.

**Conservation Club of the Year**—The highlight of the year for me, was representing our club as we were recognized as the Conservation Club of Year by the Indiana Wildlife Federation. It gave me a whole new level of appreciation for the effort being put forth by both our current club members as well as the members who have preceded us in making us one of the most respected Fly Fishing clubs around. It was quite an honor.

We've accomplished so much in such a short time together and I'm so excited to see how much more we can accomplish together in the upcoming year. I look forward to working with all of you in 2015 as we continue the rich tradition of the St. Joseph River Valley Fly Fisher Club.

Wishing you all a safe and enjoyable holiday season!



### IT'S THAT TIME AGAIN!

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.

Just click the link to quickly send an email to Terry

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

RSVP by emailing Terry at [terryflyfish@hotmail.com](mailto: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 PM  
Meal at 7:00  
Meeting starts about 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 you'll be sure to enjoy.



## 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 or to sign up please contact Jeff Stanifer at [janar3@sbcglobal.net](mailto:janar3@sbcglobal.net) or Dustin New at [dustinnew@sbcglobal.net](mailto:dustinnew@sbcglobal.net).



## 2015 GUEST FLY TIERS

### Jac Ford

Date: January 17th, 2015  
Location: The Elkhart County Conservation Club  
Cost: \$50.00 (includes lunch, drinks, and materials)  
Time: 9:00 am - 4:00pm

#### Summary:

Jac Ford is the owner of County Anglers ([countryanglers.com](http://countryanglers.com)) a guide service based out of Saginaw, Mi. Jac has been tying flies for more than 50 years and guides in both Michigan and Montana. Jac will instruct us on tying dry flies and streamer patterns he has developed over his distinguished career.

### Greg Senyo

Date: February 7th, 2015  
Location: The Elkhart County Conservation Club  
Cost: \$50.00 (includes lunch, drinks, and materials)  
Time: 9:00 am - 4:00pm

#### Summary:

Greg works with Steelhead Alley Outfitters ([steelheadalleyoutfitters.com](http://steelheadalleyoutfitters.com)). Greg will instruct us on tying some unique and effective patterns he has developed for steelhead and trout.

#### What to bring:

This class is open to anyone who would like to participate but please note that this is not a "learn how to tie class" and all participants will already need to have a general knowledge of fly tying. Each participant will need to bring a vise, tools, thread (various colors), and lamp (if necessary). The cost for these classes will include lunch, needed materials, and beverages (water, pop, coffee).

There are a limited number of seats available in both of these classes. Please contact Todd Ezzel at 574-202-0255 or [m3plus2@hotmail.com](mailto:m3plus2@hotmail.com) if you have any question or would like to reserve a spot.

## DECEMBER RAFFLE

For the December meeting Craig has lined us up with a Bauer CFX4 MacKenzie reel, gift certificates from Chicago Fly Outfitters and some other goodies.



## DIRECTORS

President: Don Reber  
 Vice-President: Terry Witorp  
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 1 Year Director: Billy Vail  
 1 Year Director: Mary Helen Znavor  
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 3 Year Director: Jeff Downing

## COMMITTEE CHAIRS

Conservation: John Law  
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**Date:** Saturday Jan. 10th: 9am-5pm  
 Sunday Jan. 11th: 10am-4pm

**Location:** Ag Hort Building Indiana State Fairgrounds  
 (same as "Indiana on the Fly")

**Show Address:** 1202 East 38th St,  
 Indianapolis, Indiana 46205

**Website:** [www.inflyfishingexpo.com](http://www.inflyfishingexpo.com)

UPCOMING EVENTS	DEC 25	JAN 1	JAN 10-11	JAN 21
	<b>Christmas Day</b>	<b>New Year's Day!</b> Start the year out right by getting out and fishing. Even for a few minutes.	<b>Indiana Fly Fishing Expo</b>  Indiana State Fair Grounds, Indianapolis	<b>Club Meeting</b> 6:30pm - Juday Creek Golf Course Event Center  (see map above)

# NINTH 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](http://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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## THE JOY OF WADING by Jim Lothary

I love wading in quiet, peaceful streams. If I remember to wade slowly, I get to see animals and birds going about their lives unaware of my presence. But there are downsides to my communing with nature.

This year while wading a branch of the Escanaba River I looked up to the bank to see a wolf staring at me. I had only seen a wolf in the wild once before, while safely riding in a car. This time I got the full effect of their legendary stare. Actually, I think it was a "I wonder if fly fishermen taste like grouse" stare. Fortunately he decided I probably tasted like health food and disappeared when I looked down at my fly.

A few years ago I fished the Tongue River in Wyoming which is more like a creek than river. I had a nice cutthroat on and heard a crunching sound across from me and looked up to see a cow moose and her two calves twenty feet away. We agreed to mutual cooperation, I fished and she ate. But she could have easily stomped me into the ground.

But my worst fear in wading is that I will come across a body along the stream. The closest I have come to that happening is several years ago I noticed a large, black plastic bag just downstream from the bridge on the Galien River. It smelled awful and I had an awful feeling what might be inside. But having watched too many grisly episodes of CSI I poked the bag open with my rod. Fortunately a furry paw slide out.

One of these days I may find a body. With my luck I'll be stuck spending three hours talking to police officers while a huge hatch kicks off. Dozens of twenty inch trout will be within my eyesight sucking down the bugs like there is no tomorrow. After one hour of questioning and watching rises I'll agree to confess to anything if they would just let me fish for a couple hours before taking me to jail.

## 2105 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 presents the budget to the membership for review and approval. Below is the proposed budget approved by the Board that will be presented to the membership at the December meeting. Feel free to ask any questions during the presentation. We will then vote on the budget.

### SJRVFF 2015 PROPOSED BUDGET

<b>Income</b>		
	April Auction	\$7,000.00
	Membership	\$2,400.00
	Raffles (Gross)	\$6,750.00
	SJRVFF Logo Items (hats & gloves)	\$0.00
<b>Total Income</b>		<b>\$16,150.00</b>
<b>Expenses</b>		
	Auction Expense	\$2,000.00
	Asset Purchases	\$100.00
	Raffle Expenses	\$2,900.00
	Outings	\$800.00
	Dues & Subscriptions	\$600.00
	Fly Tying Seminars	\$200.00
	Grants Given	\$2,750.00
	Library	\$100.00
	Misc Business	\$1,100.00
	Newsletter	\$450.00
	Recognition/Awards	\$300.00
	Monthly Meeting Meals	\$300.00
	Speakers	\$2,500.00
	Education - Tying Classes	\$300.00
	Conservation	\$1,000.00
	Tie-A-Thon	\$500.00
	Expo Exhibit Expenses	\$250.00
<b>Total Expenses</b>		<b>\$16,150.00</b>

## CLUB AWARDS AT DECEMBER MEETING!

The club awards are given annually at the December meeting. Come see who tied, who fished, who got it done and who had a funny adventure. Awards will be presented for:

- Oakie Drifter
- Fly Fisher of the Year
- Fly Tier of the Year
- Harry Hustle

Additionally we will be presenting one very worthy member with a life time membership. We will also be treated to presentations on several memorable trips taken by several club members this past year. Come join the celebration and laughs.

January's guest speaker will be Jay Allen, former guide in Wyoming, current guide in Michigan, Co-owner of Allen Brothers Flies and fly-fishing philosopher.



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