

THE LOOP



Dustin New, Editor



Wednesday,
February 18 at
Juday Creek Golf
Course Event
Center

SJRVFF WELCOMES MIKE SCHULTZ

Schultz is the Owner of Schultz Outfitters Fly Shop & Guide Service specializing in Southeastern Michigan angling, instruction, and destination travel. The shop was recently named the “Best Fly Shop in the Country” by Gink n Gasoline in 2014.

Born and raised in the Great State of Michigan, Schultz has enjoyed the outdoors his entire life. After graduating from Eastern Michigan University in 2004 with a Bachelor of Business Administration, he started guiding and working in the fly fishing industry full-time.

Logging 200+ days a year on the water, Schultz has

developed a vast knowledge of Midwestern waters. The bulk of his guiding and angling takes place on his home waters of Southeastern Michigan. His angling travels have taken him from Alaska to Patagonia.

In 2008 with the help of the Huron River Watershed Council, he founded the Huron River Single Fly. An annual fundraiser that takes place on his home waters of the Huron River. In the spring of 2014 Schultz was honored with the HRWC Partner of the Year award.

He has been a member of the Simms Fishing Products Ambassador Program since its



inception and is a member of the Scientific Anglers, Regal Vice, and Hatch Reels National Pro Staff. His signature fly patterns are available through the ORVIS Company. Schultz currently resides in Dexter, Michigan on the banks of the Huron River with his wife, Allie and son Tanner.



The SJRVFF club lost one of its most respected and founding members, Joe Mitchell, who passed away on Monday, January 17th, 2015. Joe had just turned 80 years old. In 1978, Joe was one of a handful of local anglers who decided to start a fly fishing club in the Michiana area. He was often the lead in club projects, such as the fly tying classes and river restoration projects. Get him talking about his classes with Grayson Davis and the Valparaiso students, and you'd have a hard time getting him to

stop. He was extremely proud of the club and we've all been influenced by his knowledge and passion of the sport of fly fishing. Joe's enthusiasm for conservation and spreading the love of fly fishing went unmatched. Joe, you will be greatly missed.

Please join me in congratulating Ann Miller, who at our January General Membership Meeting was awarded the Fly Tier of the Year award. This award goes to the person who shows

exemplary skill, dedication and or service to the art of fly tying. This award goes to the very best of the best in our club in fly tying. Congratulations Ann!

Jeff Downing recently completed the club audit and

I'm proud to report we passed with flying colors. We owe a tremendous amount of gratitude to Lee Troyer for the outstanding job he does managing the clubs finances. We're in great shape!

Fly tying is back! Thanks to club members Todd Ezzel, who organized a series of classes for the experienced tiers and Jeff Stanifer and Dustin New, who have just finished the second night of the beginner's class. Thanks Gentlemen – this is what the club is all about; education of our members.

Lastly, keep an eye on the web site for updates on the club activities, as the rest of the year gets busy. We have the Tie-a-Thon, Club Auction and Opening Day Outing, all only months away.which means spring is on the way!!!

Hope to see you Wednesday.



MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL TIME!

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, 2014 is automatically covered for the year 2015.

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

Buffet



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 or call and leave a message at 269-424-5138.

**Please respond by
9:00 pm on Friday.**

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FEBRUARY RAFFLE

For the February meeting Craig has lined us up with a Winston Passport, 7'6", 3 wt. four piece rod and some other nice goodies.



UPCOMING EVENTS	FEB 14	FEB 18	FEB 29	MAR 19
	<p>Valentine's Day Bank some points now to get a new rod later.</p>	<p>Club Meeting 6:30pm - Juday Creek Golf Course Event Center</p>	<p>Take the day off. Tell your boss I said it was ok.</p>	<p>Club Meeting 6:30pm - Juday Creek Golf Course Event Center</p>

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 tiers 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 US 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 you asked to tie: (tie 100 flies of one pattern)

Fly	Size
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 Bugger	10
Zoo Cougar	4



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Yes, it's only February but, if you're like me, something like the April auction can sneak up on you if you don't spend a little time preparing. Your preparations might include building a nice little two weight rod that I've been wanting. Or picking up an extra bobbin at the fly shop to donate for the auction. Or hitting up your favorite guide or lodge for a donation to the club. Maybe it's starting to squirrel away a few bucks so you'll have plenty of cash available on the big night. Whatever your preparations are, its time to start.

And if you haven't heard, the April Auction is on a **Saturday** this year. Yes, a Saturday! The 18th to be specific. So instead of having to worry about leaving the auction early so you can get up and go to work the next morning, you'll now be able to stay up late and enjoy the entire evening.

Our Auction Team is well on its way to making this year's auction as good as ever. Get in touch with Terry Wittorp or Todd Ezzell if you plan to donate something special or can help him out. Mark your calendar for April 18th!



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