

**Saturday
May 20
Juday Creek
Golf Course
Event Center**

LET'S TRY THIS AGAIN...

Unfortunately we had to reschedule the auction last month. So this month we want to make it a very special event. The annual auction pays for our speakers, conservation project, and general club expenses. There will be:

- raffles
- bucket drawings
- \$20 deck of card drawing that gives you a shot at any live auction item.

This years auction includes:

- Cutthroat trout carving by Jim Lothary
- Custom fly rod by Mike Beachy
- Art by Frank Fisher
- Photography by Tim Scott
- Float trip with Jim Gibson
- G. Loomis, Sage, and TFO fly rods
- and much more.

Terry Wittorp

The annual auction is the one and only fundraiser that SJRVFF holds with all of the 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 that you may not use anymore but are still in good serviceable condition to be auctioned off. 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.

Thank You!
Todd Ezzell



Spring has finally Sprung! It's the beginning to yet another fabulous Fly Fishing summer. For the SJRVFF club, it means we get to take a little break from the newsletters and meetings. However, it doesn't mean that we get to take a complete break, just a little extra time to breathe and participate in more fishing related activities. Please keep an eye on your email and the SJRVFF web site for news on the upcoming events.

As you've probably heard, a small bit of miscommunication caused to us to re-schedule the annual Fundraising Auction until Wednesday, May 20th. The details are outlined in the newsletter. This is our biggest fundraiser of the year and it's important as members that we get out and support this event. It helps to subsidize the cost of many of our river restoration projects, monthly dinners, Fly Tying classes and other club

initiatives. We've had a lot of great items donated so not only can you support the club but update some of your hardware as well.

The Opening Day Outing was a great success and the rain held off long enough for us to enjoy some of Terry Wittorp's deep fried turkey and Todd Ezzell's ribs. Thanks to both of you for the outstanding lunch and a great outing; both were excellent. Congrats to Tim Pote, the winner of the Winston Rod raffle who in turn gave the prize



to Todd Ezzell as a small...well, not so small, sign of appreciation for all Todd does to make our club one of the finest in the Midwest. Many thanks to Craig Myers and Lee Troyer for an outstanding job selling the raffle tickets. I would also like to give a special THANK YOU to Bobbie LaBar for being such a great hostess and allowing us to use her farm for the day.

Lastly, I would like to get your ideas on guest speakers you'd like to hear or programs you'd like for the upcoming fall and winter. Please email any ideas to donreber@gmail.com

Hope to see you next Wednesday. Here's to a great summer!

Don



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 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. Membership cards will be available at the Auction but you can still do your part supporting the club and 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.

**CALL A FRIEND
AND COME TO THE
MAY AUCTION**

MEETING DETAILS:

Doors open at 5:30 PM
Cocktails, hors d'oeuvres,
raffles, silent auction,
until 7:00.
7:00 Dinner
Live Auction 8:00

Location:
Juday Creek Golf Course
Event Center
14770 Lindy Drive
Granger, IN 46530

Parking is free.

Meal cost \$20.00/person
includes the meal and
your bid card

Free for bid card only

MENU

Steak, baked potato with all
the fixin's, salad and dessert
Cash Bar





THE LAST FISH

by Jim Lothary

We who fish the waters in southern Michigan and northern Indiana are truly gifted with a great mixture of fish to catch. From the abundant panfish most of us grew up on to the acrobatic leaps of steelhead to the powerful rushes of muskies to beautiful brookies to the ornery carp, there is no shortage of interesting fish within a few hours' drive. Drive a day or two and the gamut of species include the saltwater fish and a few more freshwater species like cutthroats and grayling.

But I'm getting older. Don't laugh, so are you. And sometime between now and my last day I'll catch my last fish. As will you. Neither you nor I know when our last day and our last fish will be. That is above our pay grade. Well, here is a little challenge for you.

If you could choose what fish would be your last fish, what would it be? I've given my choice some thought. At first I thought a cutthroat or brook trout in it's spawning color glory would be a great last memory. Then, just as the football player would dream that his last time on the field would be winning the Super Bowl, I thought of catching a world record steelhead or muskie on the fly. But that seemed a tad egotistical even for me. Finally, I've decided I would like it to be a sailfish or one of the other saltwater species that takes hours to land. Given my likely destination after death I'm in no hurry to get there.



God t that I may live to fish for another shinning day,
But when my final cast is made I then most humbly pray.
When nestled in you're landing net as I lay peacefully asleep,
You'll smile at me and judge that I'm "good enough to keep."

If you're going to attend the Auction May 20th please email Terry at terryflyfish@hotmail.com or call and leave a message at 269-424-5138. We need to give the Juday Creek Golf Course Event Center a number for people coming. **Please respond by 9:00 pm on Friday if you plan to eat or attend.**

UPCOMING EVENTS	JUNE	JULY	AUGUST	SEPT 16
	NOTICE THE BUGS ON YOUR WINDSHIELD? GET YOUR WADERS ON AND GO!	GET OUT THERE AND PIERCE SOME LIPS! SMALLMOUTH OUTING the 18th	FISH MORE.	Club Meeting 6:30pm - Juday Creek Golf Course Convention Center

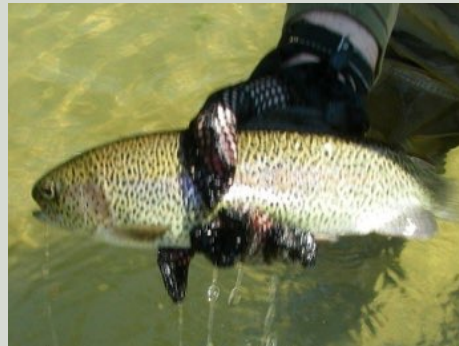


2015 SJRVFF Smallmouth Outing

This years SJRVFF Smallmouth Outing will be held on Sunday, July 18th at Cummins Park in Bristol Indiana.

Cummins Park is located in downtown Bristol directly behind the Elkhart County Historical Museum on West Vistula St (State Road 120). The outing is open to all who would like to attend. Lunch and drinks will be provided free of charge. Lunch will be ready at noon

so come early and join us for lunch, come for lunch and fish in the afternoon, fish all day and take a break for lunch, or just join us for lunch. There is plenty of room to fish right there at the park.



Wednesday Night Fishing

Wednesday Night Fishing will resume on Wednesday, May 27th. Starting at 6:00 to ? To kick it off we will be at Arthur Dodd Memorial Park five miles NE of Niles, MI Near Sumnerville. Directions: Take M51 north of Niles, MI turn left (west) on Pokagon Hwy to Creek Rd then left (south) to park

I hope to see you there,

Todd

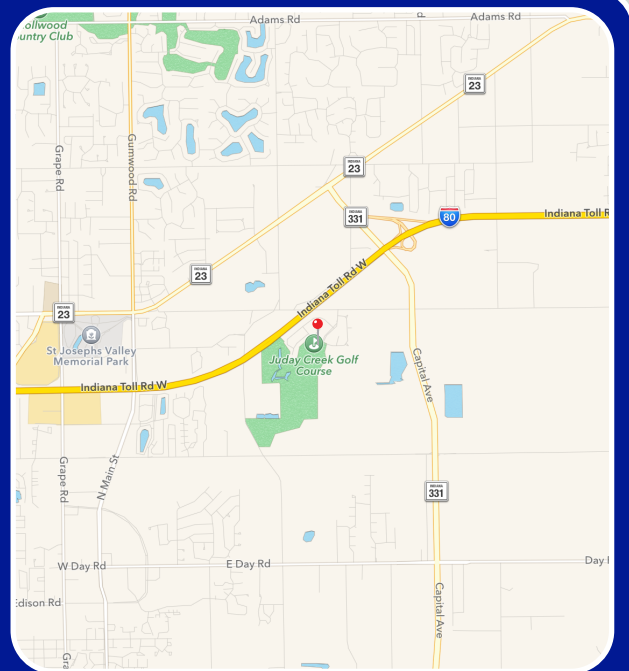
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COMMITTEE CHAIRS

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The Loop is published the 2nd Wednesday of the month, September through May. If you have story, article ideas, photo, artwork, or need to get something off you chest, you contact me at: 574-286-6508 or dustinnew@sbcglobal.net



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