

THE LOOP



Dustin New, Editor



Wednesday,
November 18 at
Juday Creek Golf
Course Event
Center

SJRVFF WELCOMES CAPTAIN PAT EHLERS

Captain Pat Ehlers lives in Franklin, WI. Pat opened his fly shop, **The Fly Fishers Inc.** in 1988. Pat has guided throughout Wisconsin and the Great Lakes as well as in Montana and Alaska.

Pat is a licensed United States Coast Guard Captain. He has taught fly-fishing schools, fly-casting and fly tying classes around the country and also appears as a speaker and instructor at shows and seminars throughout the U.S.

Pat is a member of the Echo Fly Rod Co. Design Team and designed a line of fly rods for warm-water fly-fishing, the Echo Edge84. He also has designed a series of fly lines, The Bass/Muskie line for the Airflo Fly Line Co. Pat is a contract /royalty fly tier and consultant for Rainy's Flies and has designed fly tying

tools bearing his name for the Renzetti Co. He is a Technical Consultant and Advisor to Simms Fishing Products and is a member of Smith Optics Fishing Ambassador program.

The DVD, Tying the Flies of Pat Ehlers – Bass Flies is a product of Pat's and the production company he is a partner in, Four Reels Player Productions. He is a regular contributor to Northwest Fly Fishing Magazine and has contributed to a number of books. Photography is also one of his pursuits and lends itself very well to his business.

Pat participates in local and regional bass tournaments as well as "fly only" bass tournaments in the western United States. He also fishes extensively for saltwater species. In chasing



both fresh and saltwater fish his fishing has taken him across the US from Alaska to Florida, as well as Canada, Mexico, the Bahamas, Central America, South America and the South Pacific.



As many of you are aware a vote was taken at the October General Membership meeting and majority voted on a change to our bylaws which essentially eliminated the term limits for the officers of the club. In the past the President, Vice-President and Secretary were limited to two consecutive one year terms. The board felt eliminating this was in the best interest of the club and I'm happy to report the change to the bylaws has been completed.

November is also a very important month for your club as we are holding our Annual Meeting. The purpose of the annual meeting is for the President to report the activities of the club and electing individuals to each of the positions on the Board of Directors. I want to thank the nominating Chairperson,

Thomas Rondo, for his extra effort. I'm pleased to report that we have nominations to fill the open President, Vice President, Treasure and two board positions. We ask that every member is in good standing, please plan on attending to vote on a new slate of candidates or nominate another individual who you feel would be a good fit to assist in the leadership of the club.

I also wanted to remind everyone that December is our meeting 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](#).

December is also the month where we give you, the members, a chance to show off a great trip you had with other club members or one that you had on your own. Please let us know if you'd like to share an experience you had this year.

Hope to see you the 18th!

- Don



IT'S THAT TIME AGAIN!

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

SJRVFF
P.O. Box 933
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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 \$16.00/
person

MENU

Delicious buffet

NOVEMBER RAFFLE

For the November meeting Craig has lined us up with and interesting and very secret line up of items. You won't want to miss this raffle!



FISH TRAVEL AND OTHER RANDOM HALF THOUGHTS

by Jim Lothary

Fly fishing in far off places is always a treat. Getting there usually isn't. I believe it is time for Atlanta, Chicago and other cities to replace HOV and bike lanes with "FIT" or Fishermen in Truck lanes. Expediting sportsmen on their way should be a priority for cities. What suburban housewife in a minivan wants to be stuck in traffic behind a 1983 F-150 that smells like old waders and empty beer cans?

Preachers and doctors have specialty plates that allow them to park wherever. Shouldn't fly fishers be given special plates that allow them to drive on the wrong side of the road to check for risers when the river is on the left side? And hotels would be wise to start the free breakfast at 5 or 5:30 AM to accommodate anglers who want to be on the stream at first light. Being a tightwad I'm forced to either pass on the free breakfast or be late for the hatch.

I believe that we should stop categorizing people by race, gender, etc. and simply break down people by indoor vs. outdoor people. Indoor people can find the nearest Kate Spade outlet within 100 miles and locate mall restrooms with ease. Outdoor folks can guide you to 8 different access points on a river even if three of them are on roads with no names.

If there are NSA employees who fly fish do you think they monitor the phone calls of guides to find out where to fish and what flies are really working? Shouldn't the IRS let us write off lost flies as Casualty Losses? Why hasn't someone at Ronko invented a gizmo to attach to your flyrod that holds your camera and allows you to take a selfie with the 18" trout you caught 20 minutes after your buddy left the stream? Why aren't there any flies tied with skunk hair? Shouldn't we replace maple and oaks upstream with fir trees so we don't spend all fall catching leaves? Fish Porn Anonymous, let me know if you want to join.



INTERMEDIATE 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 here and this is your opportunity to be part of the leadership of the SJRVFF.

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 2016 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, the President, Vice-President and Treasurer positions are available.

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.



TENTH ANNUAL TIE-A-THON APRIL 16TH

On **April 16th** members of SJRVFF, members of Kalamazoo Valley Chapter of Trout Unlimited and many others, will come together to tie flies for Casting for Recovery - Michigan. In nine years, fly tyers have donated over 65,000 flies to various good causes such as Casting for Recovery - Michigan who use fly fishing for education or therapy.

About the Recipient

Casting for Recovery - Michigan is a program that utilizes the sport of fly fishing to promote therapeutic growth and rehabilitation of women with cancer veterans. The goal of Casting for Recovery - Michigan is to create memorable fly fishing experiences that unlock the healing power of the water and foster lasting relationships..



If you are interested, pick just one pattern to tie, buy a box of 100 hooks, the materials and get tying! To get you there, Chef Terry Wittorp will have a spectacular lunch for all the tyers - which is worth at least 200 flies, but we will give you a break. Everyone is welcome, but please let us know so we can plan for lunch.

We will have a guest tyer every other hour show off his or her special pattern. The Tie-a-thon will last from 8:00 am to 5:00 pm.

If you are not a fast tyer and can't complete your 100 flies in that time, this is a good time to get a jump on your flies. We would certainly take more than 100 from anyone if they are ambitious and want to tie flies in advance. You don't have to be an expert tyer to donate flies.

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

<u>Fly</u>	<u>Size</u>
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



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UPCOMING EVENTS	NOV 26	DEC 16	DEC 25	JAN 20
	<p>Thanksgiving</p> <p>Time to start laying the hints for that rod or reel you want for Christmas</p>	<p>Club Meeting</p> <p>6:30pm - Juday Creek Golf Course Event Center</p>	<p>Christmas Day</p>	<p>Club Meeting</p> <p>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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