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## SJRVFF WELCOMES ANDREW CARLSON

Andrew Carlson spent his fondest days as a child fishing streams for brook trout and smallmouth bass with his father, cultivating a fascination for the aquatic world that inspired dreams of professional research and conservation. He graduated from the University of Minnesota (B.S., Conservation Biology, Fisheries & Wildlife) and South Dakota State University (M.S., Natural Resource Management, Fisheries Science) before beginning his current Ph.D. studies under Dr. William W. Taylor at Michigan State University.

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Andrew is researching effects of global change (e.g., climate change, land use alteration. groundwater withdrawal) on stream ecosystems in Michigan with emphasis on those that contain brook trout, brown trout, and/or rainbow trout. He is also working with the Michigan DNR to develop a statewide management plan for inland salmonid populations and accompanying inland trout angler survey. Andrew greatly appreciates the opportunity share his research with you tonight.



**Dustin New, Editor** 

### PRESIDENT'S COLUMN by Don Reber



#### Welcome back!!

I hope all of you had a wonderful summer and have some great fishing stories to share at our next general membership meeting on September 16, 2015 at Juday Creek.

As you'll see in the upcoming announcements, we will have an increase to \$16.00 for our meal cost at the General Membership meetings. I think you can certainly agree it's still a great value considering the outstanding meals and service provided to us by the staff at Juday Creek Golf Course. Due to problems we've had in the past with members not reserving or paying for dinner and then deciding to eat, a \$5.00 coffee and dessert fee was also proposed for those members who planned on attending but not eating. We were able to avoid that with a promise to Juday Creek that

we'd do a better job of monitoring this in the future. Please be sure to make your reservations early. If you don't reserve and pay for dinner, please be respectful of the process; don't eat what you don't pay for.

The board of directors held its first meeting following the summer break last week. One of the items we plan to discuss in the upcoming months is how to provide more value to our members and we're interested in your input. Is there something you'd like to see the club do in the future? Are there aspects of fly fishing you'd like to learn more about? Please let us know. We're putting together our 2016 agenda and your input would be valuable. Grab one of the board leaders at the next meeting and let us know your thoughts.

Lastly, in the upcoming year the club will need to replace the

President, Vice-President, Treasurer and two board positions. If you're interested or know of someone who may be, please have them contact myself or Thomas Rhondo (Nominating Committee Chairperson). The commitment does not begin until 2016 but we'd like to have these positions filled as quickly as possible.

Thanks and I hope to see you next week!

# PAGE 3 MEMBERSHIP AND MEETING STUFF

## **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.



### **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



## September Raffle

For the September meeting Craig has lined us up with a fine fishing rod as the feature item. It is a Winston Passport 4wt 8'6 4 piece. There will also be some other goodies.

UPCOMING EVENTS	OCT 15	OCT 18	NOV 19	NOV 27
- Andrews	Club Meeting 6:30pm - Juday Creek Golf Course Event Center Jeff Courier	Salmon/ Steelhead Outing Thorn Apple Landing on the Muskegon River	<b>Club Meeting</b> 6:30pm - Juday Creek Golf Course Event Center	Thanksgiving

## 2015 SALMON/STEELHEAD OUTING OCTOBER 17

The always popular Salmon/Steelhead Outing will be October 17, 2015. We'll be meeting at the Thorn Apple Landing on the Muskegon River. We'll be sending out a reminder as we get a little closer and look for opportunities to share a ride. As always Todd will be providing some of his awesome chili. If you haven't done any salmon fishing this is a great opportunity to get into some fish and have someone with some experience help you out. Don't worry if you're light on equipment - there will be some there for you to tryout as well. And if you've experienced the pull of a salmon before, come on up and spend the day hanging out, trading stories and maybe helping someone experience the thrill for the first time.



## **2015 FLY TYING SEMIMARS**

Each January, February and March we invite an accomplished fly tier to spend a Saturday afternoon teaching us how to tie their favorite patterns or teaching us their secret techniques. We are currently putting together a list of tiers to contact and looking for suggestions. We've got a few ideas but would welcome your thoughts. For instance - Are you more interested in some basic techniques and instruction or more advanced?

Please talk with a board member about your suggestions at the upcoming meeting. You are also welcome to contact Todd Ezzell <u>m3plus2@hotmail.com</u>.

## **2015 FLY TYING CLASSES**

Next year being an even numbered year, we will be doing the Intermediate Fly Tying Class. This will be a seven week class building on the techniques, materials and tricks from the beginning tying class. You will tie proven fly patterns for the local area and beyond. Classes will be once a week for seven weeks starting the first Tuesday of February. The cost for nonmembers of SJRVFF is \$30.00 and \$5.00 for members with a limited of 30 people. SJRVFF will supply all the vises, tools and materials to tie during the class or you are welcome to bring your own vise and tools. For more information please contact Jeff Stanifer at janar3@sbcglobal.net or Dustin New at dustinnew@sbcglobal.net.

### NAMES

In researching rivers and creeks to fish I'm often interested in the history of the body of water and how it got its name. Usually the name came from Spanish explorers, French fur trappers, local native tribes or English speaking settlers. The Spanish gave us eloquent names like the El Rito, Rio Santa Barbara, Rito de la Olla, La Plata River and the San Juan River. The French gave us Au Sable, Pere Marquette and Cache La Poudre. Native names are often modifications of the originals but are fun nonetheless. Names like the Kinnickinnic River, Kickapoo River, Namekagon River, Kayaderosseras Creek and the Tuckasegee River tickle our tongue and imagination.





While most of the names of rivers by English settlers are pretty dull (White River, Black River, Fish Creek, Deer River, Sand Creek, etc.) some are a bit unusual. The French Broad River, Virgin River, Young Womans Creek, Horsepasture River and Donner und Blitzen River are on my list of places to see. I've tried to get my wife to let me turn on to Stinking Creek Road in Tennessee just to see and smell it. She said I had a better chance of fishing the Dickshooter Creek. I'm in no

hurry to tour the Snake and Styx Rivers.

One fear I have is that some money hungry state official will stop selling naming rights on stadiums and changing street names to sports figures and politicians, and start selling naming rights to rivers. Would you fish the Orvis Au Sable River? Or wade the Levis Yellow Breeches River? How long before the Blue River brought to you by IBM , the GE Current River or the Wal-Mart Arkansas River?



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