

# THE LOOP



Dustin New, Editor



Wednesday  
January 20 at  
Juday Creek Golf  
Course Event  
Center

## SJRVFF WELCOMES RAY SCHMIDT

Ray started tying flies at age 12. From 1977 through 1985 he owned and operated a fly fishing manufacturers rep firm that sold premium brands of fly fishing products.

From 1985 to 2012, Ray owned Schmidt Outfitters, a full service fly shop, lodging establishment, fly fishing guide service and travel service in NW Michigan. In October 2012 he sold Schmidt Outfitters and retired from the outfitting business.

Ray's accomplishments include:

- 1989 top ten "Guide of the Year", Fly Rod and Reel Magazine.
- Two-time winner of the FFF Great Lakes Council, "Presidents Award"

- 1993 winner FFF Great Lakes Council, "Artisan of the Year," award
- 1997 winner FFF International, "Lefty Krey Award"
- Member of FFF Casting Instructor Advisory Council and Certified FFF Fly Casting Instructor

Ray is an active conservationist and has served on many fisheries committees and has spearheaded many projects to enhance river habitat in Michigan.

These days Ray is a partner with his wife Kate in Double SS Outdoors, a sales and marketing, consulting and adventure travel firm.

[www.doublessoutdoors.com](http://www.doublessoutdoors.com)



Ray's writings have been published far and wide in the fly fishing world. Ray says "any fish that comes to the fly is a great fish".

Ray's presentation will be "Life's Too Short to Fish in Ugly Places. Fishing in Patagonia."



I hope all of you had a nice holiday season, enjoying time with family and friends; I certainly did. With 2015 in the record books we, as an organization, look forward to 2016 with a great deal of optimism. The new board has met for the first time and believes we have a lot of positive momentum heading into the New Year. As I've said before, we are here to serve our members, so please let us know if you feel there is something you'd like to see us doing.

In our December meeting we had the pleasure of recognizing specific individuals who helped make us a great club. Congratulations to Marshall Jacobson for being awarded the first Annual **Joe Mitchell Memorial Achievement Award**. As most of you know, the board of directors decided to give an

award to honor Joe and who better to receive it the first year?! Thank you Marshall for all you've done to make us an outstanding club!



I'd also like to congratulate the other award winners; Dustin New – **Fly Tier of the Year**. I was humbled to receive the **Harry Hustle "Todd Ezzell"** award and Mike Beachy was given the opportunity to present me with the **Oakie Drifter**

award for the awkward manor in which I expressed to Mike that he had a very lovely daughter. Unfortunately, the winner of the Fly Fisher of the Year award was not present so that person will be recognized at our January meeting.

Lastly, please keep an eye on our website—take a moment to look at our schedule of upcoming events. During February there will be Fly Tying classes for the intermediate level fly tier. In March, Charlie Craven will host a seminar on the 5th & 6th (Saturday and Sunday). Spaces are limited for both so please sign up early.

See you Wednesday, January 20<sup>st</sup> at our next monthly meeting where we will have the pleasure of listening to Ray Schmidt and Kate Smith presentation – **"Life's too short to fish in ugly places - Fishing in Patagonia"**



## MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL TIME!

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

SJRVFF  
P.O. Box 933  
South Bend, IN 46624

Just click the link to quickly send an email to Terry

- You can also 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 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 Saturday.**

### 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

Meal cost \$16.00/  
person

**MENU**  
Buffet





A lot of large trout live in big rivers and I've read the articles on fishing rivers that tell you to break the river down into a set of smaller targets. To think of the river as a series of streams. To not try to fish the river all at once. The articles have great illustrations that show large boulders here, tree stumps there and shallow runs and deep pools. Which is great if the water is clear or you happen to have Superman's vision, which I don't. My usual method of discovering deep pools is to step into them. My crooked toes are testament to my method of locating underwater boulders.

Some authors suggest using a wading staff to decrease the risk of falling and to probe the river bottom. Unfortunately, that means you walk to the edge of deep pools or clank your staff on boulders. Neither is conducive to a stealthy approach on wary trout.

Fortunately, the scientists at Lothary Labs have developed the new, must have item for all who fish, the Lothary Underwater Drone! Unlike ordinary drones that buzz around in the air and help you spy on the divorcee in the next block, the Lothary Underwater Drone (LUD) swims just under the surface of the water at your command. It relays real time video of not just structure and bottom but it also shows you where the trout are holding. That way you don't waste time casting over empty water. But wait, there's more! The LUD is designed to resemble a sexy looking female trout to lure cagey trout away from those difficult to cast to undercut banks. The LUD even has a bag of grasshopper jerky under one fin and a bottle of Bugweiser under another.

The LUD comes complete with a video monitor and controller that attach to your vest. Some assembly required. Buy now before I kick off my marketing campaign with commercials on cable television hosted by a guy with an Australian accent. The commercial will even have someone looking at the LUD and saying "She's hot!!"

## JANUARY RAFFLE

For the January meeting Craig has lined us up with a 9 foot 4 weight 4 piece Reddington Vapen rod, a Yeti tumbler, a Simms chest pack and some other goodies.

## SPRING OUTING AT SCHMIDT OUTFITTERS MAY 20-22

This year's outing should be a good one, with the long winter, fishing should shape up nicely.

This is a great place to have the outing -- great cabins, a nice conference center for meals and a nice casting pond to hone your casting stroke. This should be a great outing! Spending a couple of days together with club members is a great way to get to know people on a more personal level.

There are a lot of fishing options available including the Pine River, Bear Creek, fishing below Tippy Dam and Hodenpyl. They have a great guide staff, if people want to hire a guide.

Almost forgot: Great food and adult beverages! The cost will be \$150. This includes lodging Friday and Saturday, and dinner Friday and Saturday. There are a couple places for breakfast within five miles of the lodge. Lunch both days is on your own. There are rooms for couples, each having their own bedrooms. There are 20 spots available; your spot is reserved when I have payment. If you cancel, money for food is refunded; money for lodging is refunded only if we can fill your spot.

We will have a sign up sheet for Friday and Saturday night to assist with cleaning tables, clean up, setting tables, and washing dishes.

Contact Terry at 269-424-5138 or [terryflyfish@hotmail.com](mailto:terryflyfish@hotmail.com). The cut off date for sign-up is April 20<sup>th</sup>. Make checks payable to SJRVFF or cash.

## 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.

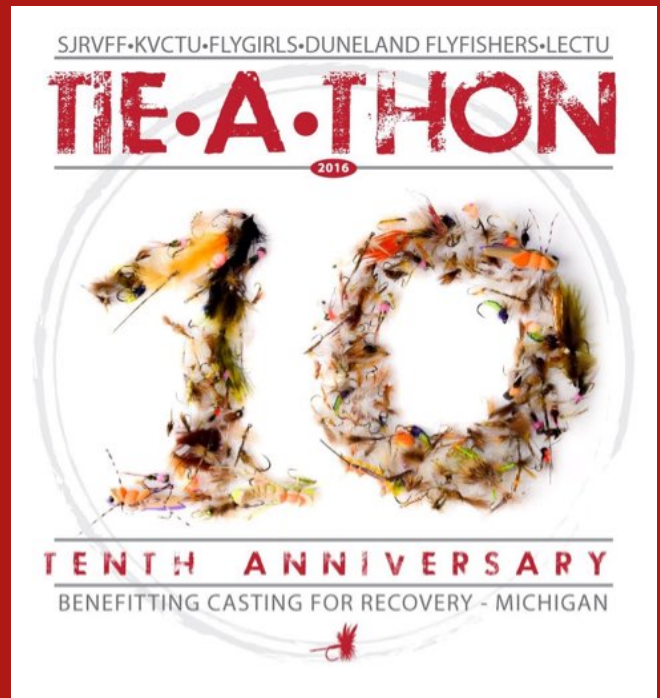
### About the Recipient

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)

<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 Bugger	10

Any questions, contact:

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## 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 Thursday of February**. The cost for non-members of the 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. You are welcome to bring your own vise and tools if you have them. 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).



## FLY TYING SEMINAR WITH CHARLIE CRAVEN

Date: March 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup>, 2016

Location: The Elkhart Conservation Club

Cost: \$100.00 per tier

The seminar will be limited to 30 tiers total and will be broken down into two one day classes (15 tiers on Saturday March 5<sup>th</sup>, 2016 and 15 tiers on Sunday March 6<sup>th</sup>, 2016). Both classes will cover the same content so there is no need to attend both days unless that is what you want to do. The cost for the seminar is \$100.00 per tier (\$200.00 if you for some reason you want to attend both Saturday and Sunday classes). And will include materials needed for the class, lunch, and beverages. Each tier attending the class will need to bring their own tying equipment (vise, tools, lamp, thread, etc.).

Please note that this is not a beginner level seminar and each tier will need to know basic fly tying techniques prior to the class.

The seminar will cover patterns and techniques that Charlie has developed thru many years of commercial tying and guiding.

If you would like additional information or would like to reserve a seat please contact me at 574-202-0255 or [m3plus2@hotmail.com](mailto:m3plus2@hotmail.com)

Thanks, Todd Ezell



**TYER**

### CHARLIE CRAVEN

I have tied flies since I was eight years old. I began tying commercially for local shops at the age of twelve and to this day I still can't get through a day without tying at least a few flies. Fly tying is a consuming endeavor to me, and I enjoy every minute of it.

Growing up in Colorado, I have had the chance to work and fish with some of the most innovative tiers and fisherman in the world. Guys like John Barr, Ross Bartholomay, Dennis Collier and a host of others have influenced my tying and designs. While I owe a lot of my success to people like these I have also learned that I am always my own worst critic and find that I'm forever looking for a better way of doing things. So many "new" patterns these days are beautiful to look at but haven't been water tested. A truly great pattern has to catch fish, be reasonably durable, and solve a problem. That is, achieve through the tying design or process, a result that was previously unavailable.

## DIRECTORS

President: Don Reber  
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UPCOMING EVENTS	FEB 14	FEB 17	FEB 29	MAR 16
	<p>St. Valentine's Day</p> <p>Good day to put some points in the bank!</p>	<p>Club Meeting</p> <p>6:30pm - Juday Creek Golf Course Event Center</p>	<p>National Holiday</p>	<p>Club Meeting</p> <p>6:30pm - Juday Creek Golf Course Event Center</p>

## 2016 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 January meeting. Feel free to ask any questions during the presentation. We will then vote on the budget.

## DUNELAND FF HOSTING GEORGE DANIEL AT FEBRUARY 16TH MEETING

Duneland FF speaker in February will be George Daniel - Former Team USA Member, Former Coach for Youth Team USA, and author of Dynamic Nymphing and Strip Set: <http://www.livinonthefly.com>

You are invited to join them for his presentation on Tuesday, February 16th at 7PM CST on the campus of Valparaiso University in the Neils Science Center Room 224. They will also be hosting George for dinner at the Revolution Eatery & Grille, 1084 Linwood Ave., Valparaiso, Indiana 46383 (intersection of Linwood Ave and US 30) at approximately 5:30PM CST.

See Eric Graham or call 219-313-3652 for more information.

## SJRVFF 2016 PROPOSED BUDGET

### Income

April Auction	7,200.00
Membership	2590.00
Raffle (Gross)	6500.00
Misc Income	170.00
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>16,460.00</b>

### Expenses

Auction Expense	1,000.00
Raffle Expenses	2,900.00
Outings	700.00
Dues & Subscriptions	600.00
Fly Tying Seminars	500.00
Grants Given	3,000.00
Library	150.00
Misc Business	1,250.00
Newsletter	350.00
Recognition/Awards	250.00
Monthly Meeting Meals	150.00
Speakers	2,760.00
Education - Tying Classes	600.00
Conservation	1,000.00
Tie-A-Thon	800.00
Board Meetings	450.00
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>16,460.00</b>
<b>Asset Purchases</b>	<b>2,000.00</b>



2016

# Three Rivers

## Fly Fishing / Fly Tying Show

Fort Wayne, IN - Saturday, April 2nd



*Fly Fishing Fly Tying*

### 25 Fly Tyers

**Learn from the best fly tyers in our area!**

Fly Tying demonstrations throughout the day. Bass, trout, muskie, salmon, steelhead, bluegill and other area fly patterns.

**Guest speakers throughout the day**

### Classic Cafe

4832 Hillegas Road  
Fort Wayne, IN

*Food Available  
Raffles throughout the day  
and silent auction*

9:00 am - 4:30 pm


\$10 - Adults  
\$5 - 12 years to 17  
11 and under free

### 18 Vendors

**Top quality vendors geared towards the fly fisher!**

Tri-state area fly shops and guides.  
Bamboo rods, fly rod company representatives.



Check for updates on [www.3rff.org/flyshow.html](http://www.3rff.org/flyshow.html)  
and on the Three Rivers Fly Fishers Facebook page 

## READY FOR THE APRIL AUCTION?

Yes, it's only January 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 a week so you'll have plenty of cash available on the big night. Whatever your preparations are, its a good time to start.

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 them out.



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