

# THE LOOP



Dustin New, Editor



Wednesday,  
March 16 at  
Juday Creek Golf  
Course Event  
Center

## SJRVFF WELCOMES PAULA SHEARER

Paula lives in Calgary, Alberta, Canada and is a guide on the Bow River, and southern Alberta streams. She started fly fishing at a young age, by joining her dad and uncles trolling flies on numerous lakes. At the age of 8 she had “learned” the basics of casting, as well as the patience needed to untangle line. In her later teens she started fishing rivers, which is where she found her passion. Over the years she has gained knowledge and experience through countless hours on the water, and having the opportunity to fish with some very talented anglers.

In the summer and fall months you can find Paula guiding clients on this world famous

river. When not guiding you can find her hiking into Alberta’s southern streams and lakes, or drifting down the Bow, casting to rising fish and throwing streamers to the banks in search of aggressive trout. When she’s not fishing the Bow River or mountain streams and lakes, she spends her time taking photographs and exploring new water in search of different species.

In the spring and winter months when possible, Paula heads west to British Columbia to swing flies for wild steelhead. In the evenings she occupies her time tying flies in preparation for the days ahead. She enjoys



sharing her love for fly fishing by mentoring those who are new to the sport. When not working or fishing you can find her helping out at local fly shops. She has been fortunate to be a part of several TV shows and films as a Host and Co Host on Fly Nation, Fly Fusion TV and In the Loop. Paula was also a cast member in the Scotland fly fishing film “Once in your lifetime”.



Let me start this month off by thanking Todd Ezzell for organizing the fly tying seminar this past weekend with Charlie Craven. We had attendees from across the area and all left having improved their fly tying skills. I'm a firm believer it's these types of events that truly make us an outstanding club. Thank you Todd!

Spring is just around the corner. it's time to get your spring fishing fever on and we're here to help. If you enjoy Steelhead fishing you certainly don't want to miss the **March 16<sup>th</sup> General Membership Meeting** where nationally known Steelhead guide from Calgary, Alberta, Canada **Paul Shearer** will give a presentation on guiding the Bow River and southern Alberta streams. Paula has been part of several TV shows and films as a host and co-host on Fly Nation, Fly Fusion TV and In the Loop. *You do not want to miss this presentation.*

On **April 2nd**, Tim Pote and I will be representing the SJRVFF club at the **Three Rivers Fly Fishing/ Fly Tying Show** in Fort Wayne. Here's the link to the show [www.3rff.org/flyshow.html](http://www.3rff.org/flyshow.html) - If you're in the area, stop by and tie some fly's with us.

The **Annual Tie-a-Thon** is on **April 16<sup>th</sup>** at the Elkhart Conservation Club. You can find the details on our web site but even if you don't tie on a regular basis you can participate by selecting a pattern from the web site and tie 100 of them. It's that simple! The flies are donated for a great cause so let's get out and support this effort.

Our **Annual Club Auction** is on **April 20<sup>th</sup>**. This is our biggest fundraiser of the year and we really need your help. Dig around your home this weekend and find some items to donate. It doesn't need to be new or even fishing related; just something you think someone else may need and want to buy. It's really important that we get these items to Terry Wittorp as soon as possible.

Lastly on **April 23<sup>rd</sup>** we will have our **Annual Opening Day Outing** at Bobbi LaBar's farm on the beautiful Dowagiac Creek. Not only do you get the opportunity to enjoy good friendship, camaraderie and fish a little, but you also have a chance of winning your choice of a Scott Fly Rod up to a \$900.00 value or \$500.00 cash. Please get your raffle tickets sold and money turned in ASAP. Craig Myers, our raffle Chairman will be happy to help if you need more tickets.

As you can see a pretty full schedule - please take advantage of these opportunities.

Thank you and I hope to see you next Wednesday

- Don





### TIME IS RUNNING OUT!

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 March so membership cards and club rosters can be distributed in April.
- Anyone who joined the club after September 1<sup>st</sup>, 2015 is automatically covered for the year 2016.

Click here to  
Email RSVP  
[terryflyfish@hotmail.com](mailto:terryflyfish@hotmail.com)

### 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

Buffet



### MARCH RAFFLE

For the March meeting  
Craig has lined us up  
with a 13 foot, 4-pc Orvis  
Clearwater spey rod,



a Simms  
Headwater  
guide pack, Simms  
nippers and some other  
assorted goodies.

# APRIL IS FAST APPROACHING...

It's almost time for our Annual Fundraiser on April 20<sup>th</sup>. The doors open at 5:30 PM at the Juday Creek Golf Course Event Center. As usual, the general auction will be run by auctioneer Dave Goodrich. Dinner will be served at 6:30 PM and the bidding will begin immediately afterward.

Next week's meeting is the last one before the auction. In hopes of making the auction better for everyone and we are hoping to have as many items on hand before the auction, so we can categorize them (live, silent or bucket) and have a program sheet for all upon arrival.

Please bring items to next weeks meeting. If you have any questions please contact Terry Wittorp at 269.424.5138 or email at [terryflyfish@hotmail.com](mailto:terryflyfish@hotmail.com)

-Terry

**CALL A FRIEND  
AND BRING THEM TO  
THE APRIL AUCTION**

*Editor's Note - There will be several fly boxes full of flies tied by various club members. These are flies tied by guys that fish them in and around our area - they work.*

## TIME TO PLOT YOUR MOVES

So you're planning to attend next month's Auction. But do you have a plan? Some planning on your part is clearly in order. We are sure to have some special offers and items up for bid. So get your wallet in order. Get with a friend and figure out a game plan for some larger items.

The annual auction is the one and only fundraiser that SJRVFF holds with all 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 to be auctioned off that you may not use anymore but are still in good serviceable condition. 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](mailto:m3plus2@hotmail.com) or Terry Wittorp at 269-424-5138 or [terryflyfish@hotmail.com](mailto: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.

- Todd

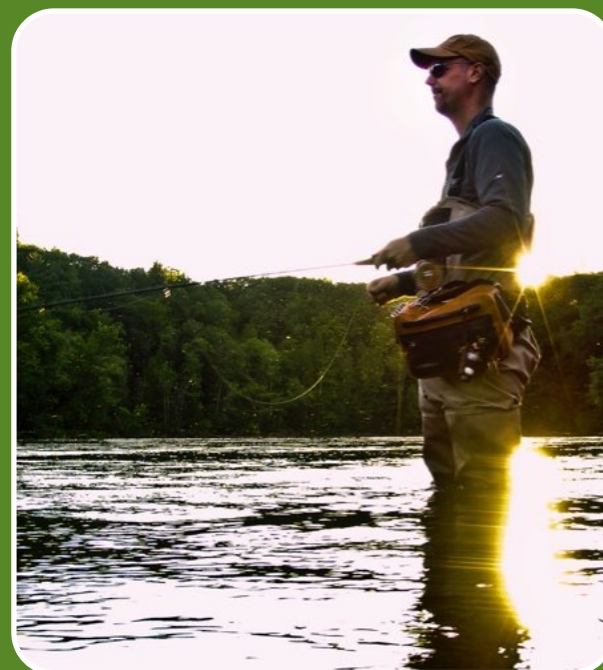
I crawled through the brush to the perfect spot to cast. The stream has a bend, a deep pool and a riffle ahead. I could see him rising, steady, sipping tricos off the surface. Twenty plus inches of brown trout lay there just waiting for my fly. All I had to do is add a few feet of tippet and a right fly to my leader.



The tippet came off the spool fine but seemed to disappear in my hand. It was as if 5X became 7X. The first attempt at the blood knot ended in failure. The second try wasn't any better. All the while I could hear the gentle slurp, slurp, slurp of the trout just twenty feet away. As I began the third try my fingers began to swell taking on the size and appearance of bratwursts. Another slurp. My fingers now grew stiff and numb. Another slurp. My breathing and blood pressure were rising. Keeping control of the lines and focusing on what I was attempting to do was becoming nearly impossible. Slurp.

Finally, the third try was successful. Now all I had to do was tie on the tiny fly. Slurp. I became aware of a rustling of brush across the stream. A rod tip appeared. Another slurp. Someone was sneaking up on my trout! Whoever got their fly in water first had rights to the brown. That 5x that seemed like 7X when I was tying the knot earlier had now morphed into 1X and would not go through the eye. Slurp. Just as I finally got the damn tippet through the eye and finished the knot I saw a beautiful trico fly land just ahead of the trout. I jerked upright and let out a loud moan.

My wife rolled over and glared at me. "Did you at least catch the darn fish this time?" I grumbled and looked at the foot of the bed. My dog looked up and licked his nose. Slurp.





# OPENING DAY ROD RAFFLE



We are very lucky to be able to offer a Scott rod for this year's Opening Day Rod Raffle. Sounds vague? Well it is, but in a very good way. The winning ticket will have the opportunity for a rod of your choice. That's not just A SCOTT rod but THE Scott rod you've always wanted.

You should have received tickets in the mail and Craig Myers will be selling tickets at the upcoming meetings and on Opening Day. The drawing will be held at 1:00 pm at the Opening Day Outing, Saturday, April 30.

If you've thought about a Winston fly rod this is your opportunity to get exactly what you want.

**You know you want to be like this guy. Buy a ticket and start your collection.**

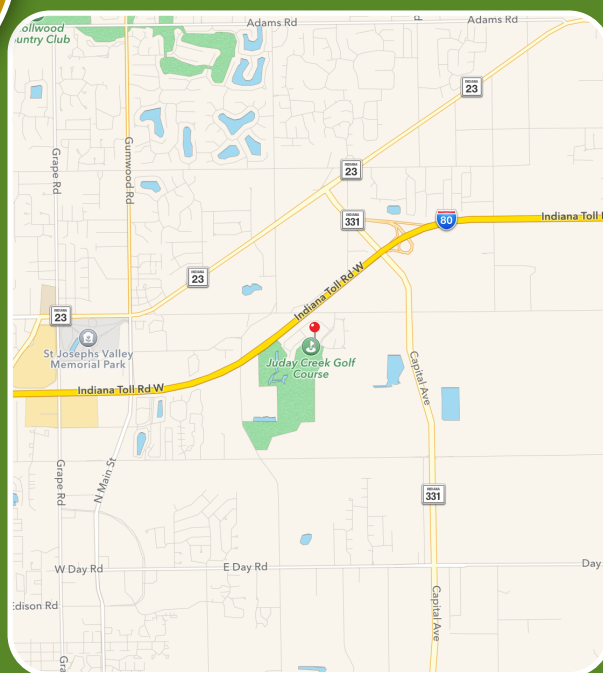
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## TENTH ANNUAL TIE-A-THON APRIL 16TH

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

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### April

16th- Tie A Thon  
20th- SJRVFF Club Auction  
30th- Opening Day Outing

### May

18th- SJRVFF club meeting at the  
Elkhart Conservation Club

### June

Bugs, bugs and more bugs. Go Fish!!

### July

Small Mouth Outing

### October

Salmon Outing

## COMING TO THE MEETING?

If you're going to attend the club meeting March 16th please email Terry at [terryflyfish@hotmail.com](mailto:terryflyfish@hotmail.com) or call and leave a message at 269-424-5138. We need to give the folks at the Juday Creek Golf Course Event Center a number for people coming. **Please respond by 9:00 pm on the Friday.**



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