

THE LOOP



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Wednesday,
April 20 at
Juday Creek Golf
Course Event
Center

AN OPPORTUNITY FOR YOU... AND US

As always, we want to make the Annual April Auction a special event. The proceeds from the auction pay for our speakers, conservation project, and general club expenses. Below is a listing of some of the items you will find available. There will be much more stuff as well. Join us for a night of good fun, good deals and all for a great cause.

Terry Wittorp

This years auction includes:

- Cutthroat Carving by Jim Lothary
- Trout Painting by Frank Fisher
- Custom made 9' 6 wt by Mike Beachy
- 13' 8wt Scott spey rod
- G Loomis Pro 4-piece 11' 7wt

- Your choice of any production TFO fly rod and reel
- Guided fly fishing trip with on little Elkhart with Amish Trout Andy Kitson
- All day float trip on St. Joe with Jay Anglin
- All day float on St. Joe with Kory Boozer
- Fly Boxes with flies tied by club members
- Nets, sculptures, more flies, packs.
- Framed 25th FFF print by David Ruimveld
- Other framed art work
- Show Island Express - Get 5 of your buddies together for a day of smouthmouth fishing on the Muskegon River. Includes 3 boats ,a great lunch, adult beverages, a ton of fun and a chance to be on a wild and scenic river!!!!



Spring is finally here and just like April showers bring May flowers, it also brings us into the time of year when membership dues are collected. As we approach the deadline, I thought it would be a good time to remind everyone of the value you receive from being a member of the SJRVFF club.

Last year alone we were able to:

- Contribute \$2,750.00 to charitable causes and assist other fishing clubs in the betterment of our local steam habitats.
- Provide quality speakers such as Mike Schultz from Schultz Outfitters, Andrew Carlson, Local Guide Jay Anglin, Capt. Pat Elhers, Legendary Guide Ray Schmidt, Marci Colclout and most recently Paul Shearer. If you didn't walk away with something from each of the presentations, then maybe you should plan on attending again this year, as they all did an outstanding job!

- Sponsor a seven week intermediate Fly Tying class.
- Participate alongside the Kalamazoo Valley Chapter of Trout Unlimited and other organizations in the eighth annual Tie-A-Thon to benefit the Flyin Hero's'.
- Raise funds to benefit our club though our annual auction.
- Keep members current on the clubs affairs though the monthly publication – The Loop.
- Continue to maintain our company library full of educational material dedicated to helping us better serve our members.
- Sponsor a two-day fly tying seminar put on by nationally respected Fly Fishing professional Charlie Craven.

AND...saving the best for last, ENJOY the comrade of fly fishing and storytelling at the Opening Day Outing, the Salmon Outing and Wednesday Night Fishing.

These are just a few of the projects we were able to accomplish thanks to the payment of dues. Please show your appreciation for all the SJRVFF club does by renewing today. Dues are still \$20.00 for an individual, \$35.00 for a family membership and 5.00 for a Junior Membership. Dues can be paid online at www.sjrvff.com or by mailing a check payable to the SJRVFF club PO Box 933 South Bend, IN 46624

April tends to be the busiest month of the year for the Club with the Tie-A-Thon on April 16th, the Annual Auction on April 20th, and the Opening Day out on April 30th. So, don't forget, do it NOW, renew your membership and join us in celebrating the beginning of another Trout season!!

- Don



MEMBERSHIP AND MEETING STUFF

TIME'S UP!

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

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

Click here to
Email RSVP
terryflyfish@hotmail.com

- 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 distributed at the auction and club rosters will be available upon request.
- Anyone who joined the club after September 1st, 2015 is automatically covered for the year 2016.

MEETING DETAILS:

Doors open at 5:30
Meal at 6:30
Auction starts about 7:00

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

Parking is free.

Meal cost \$16.00/
person

MENU

Buffet
Cash Bar

UPCOMING EVENTS	APRIL 16	APRIL 20TH	APRIL 30	MAY 18
	10th Annual Tie-A-Thon Elkhart Conservation Club	Annual April Auction Juday Creek Golf Course Event Center	Michigan Opening Day Outing Bobbie Labar's Farm (se page 6)	Club Meeting Elkhart Conservation Club

The sport of fly fishing has a serious problem. We are struggling to replace participants who are retiring with new, younger participants. Golf, hunting and other outdoor sports are faced with the same challenge.

We need to do a better job in brand placements in movies and television. Have you ever seen a zombie wading in a stream? Why are there no hot, young vampires wearing fishing vests? Wouldn't that Potter kid create better magic spells with a 12 foot spey rod than that dinky wand?

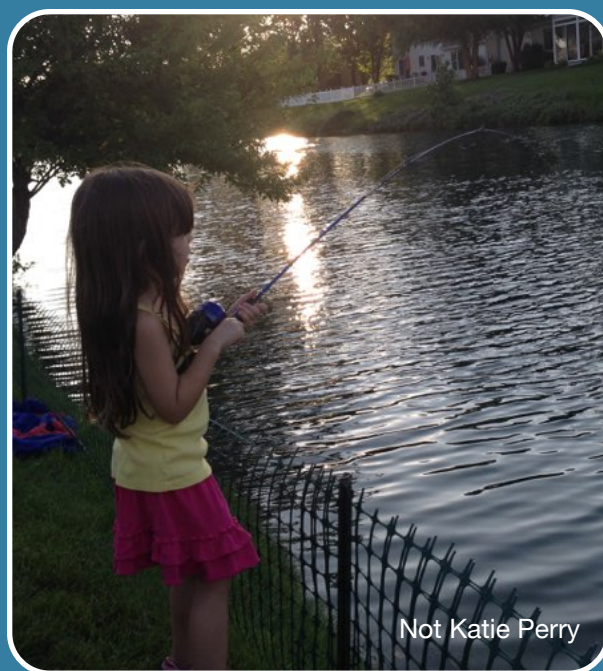
Couldn't Chewbacca drive the space ship while Hans Solo ties flies?

Instead of a tiara couldn't we crown Miss USA with a Simms cap? Couldn't that gal have rowed away from the sinking Titanic in a drift boat?

If not product placement there is always celebrity endorsements. We need the next Justin Bieber wanna-be to release to tabloids that he is giving up singing or whatever he does to take off with Paula Shearer or better yet, April Volkey, since she is a married woman. Maybe Katie Perry's next video could feature her stalking a hunky guy in waders in a trout stream.

Another way to get fly fishing noticed in the

media is with a scientific study that proves fly fishing's value. Hire a professor at some nearly prestigious university like Ohio State, have him do an analysis of gang violence in communities where fly fishing is rare (like Chicago) versus communities where fly fishing is common (like Grayling, Michigan). Then you release the results showing 99% less gang violence in fly fishing communities to the media. A smiling newsman will look into the camera and tell nervous parents that if their child doesn't learn to fly fish it is almost a 100% probability that he or she will become a gangbanger. Think of the terrified mothers flooding into Cabela's looking for "poles and those wader things."



Not Katie Perry



Not Justin Bieber



Not a Gangbanger

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.

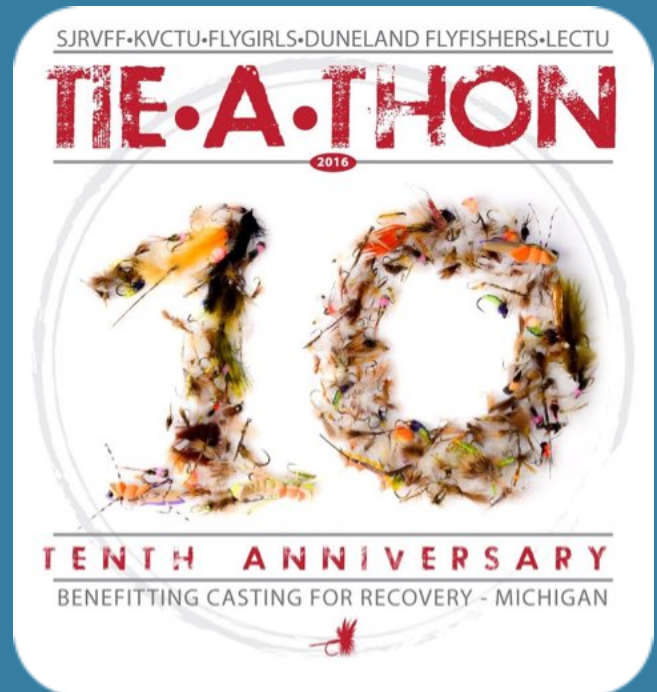
About the Recipient

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.

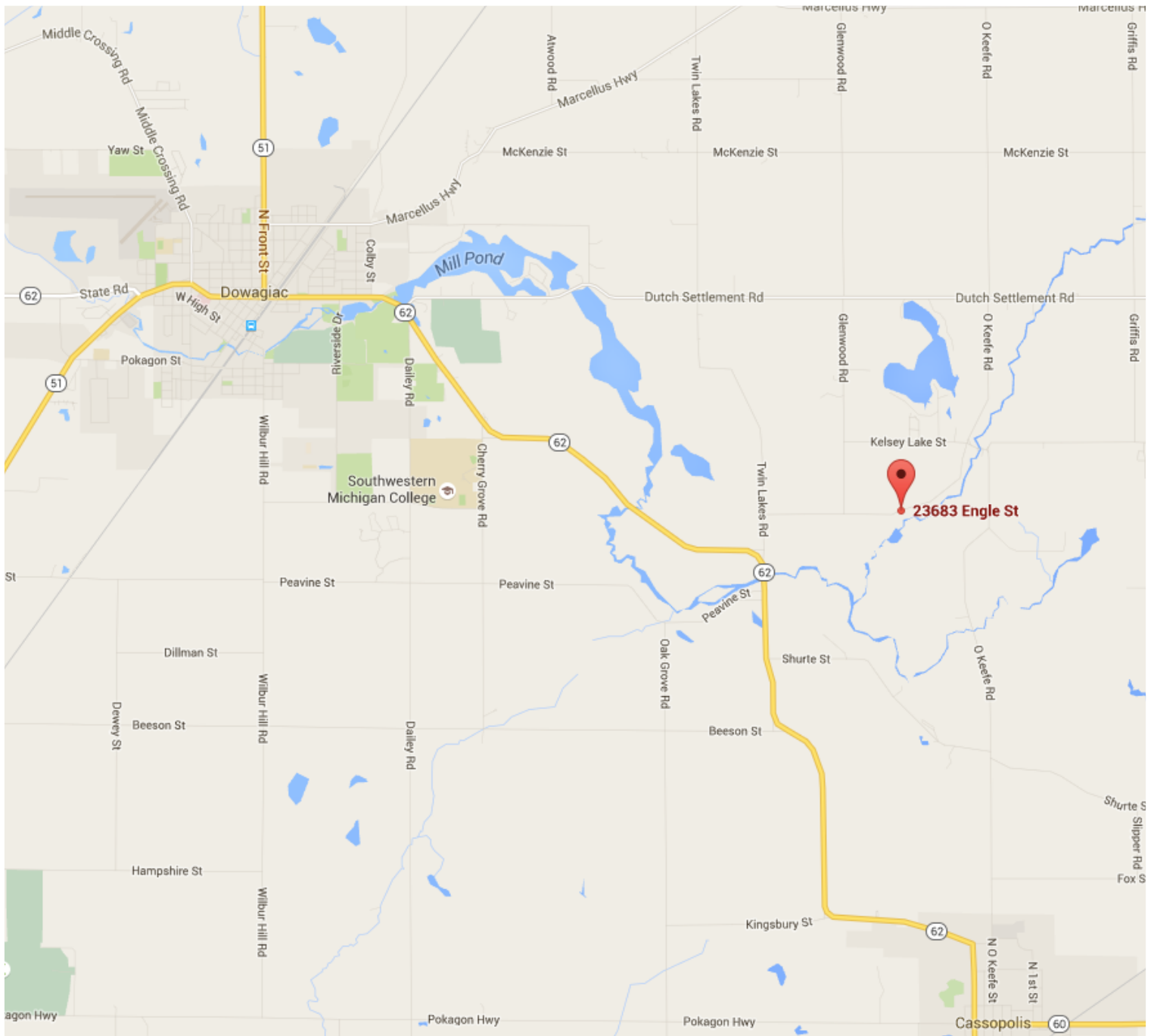
We will have a guest tyer every other hour show off his or her special pattern. The Tie-a-thon will last from 8:00 am to 5:00 pm.

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



OPENING DAY OUTING

The Annual SJRVFF Opening Day Outing may not be the official start of Spring, but it sure feels like it.

Nothing seems to let you know its time to start fishing like getting together with a bunch of guys and gals and telling fish stories. Many of the SJRVFF members have been getting together on the Trout Season Opening Day for decades. Many more have joined them over the years. Everyone is welcome. If you're not familiar with trout fishing, this is a great time and place to get started. There is always someone available to offer assistance, answer questions and show you some great places to fish.

The SJRVFF Opening Day Outing will be at Bobbie Labar's farm in Cassopolis, Michigan. Coffee and donuts will be available starting at 8:00 am and lunch will be ready at noon. There is no fee for the outing and drinks will be available followed by the Opening Day raffle at 1:00.

To get to the Labar farm, take either M-60 or M-62 to Cassopolis, MI. Then take Okeefe Rd north out of town to Engle St. (approx. 3.5 miles). Turn left on Engle St. Labar's farm is about 1/2 mile west of Okeefe Rd. The address is 23683 Engle St. Cassopolis, MI.

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.

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 Scott 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 add to your collection.

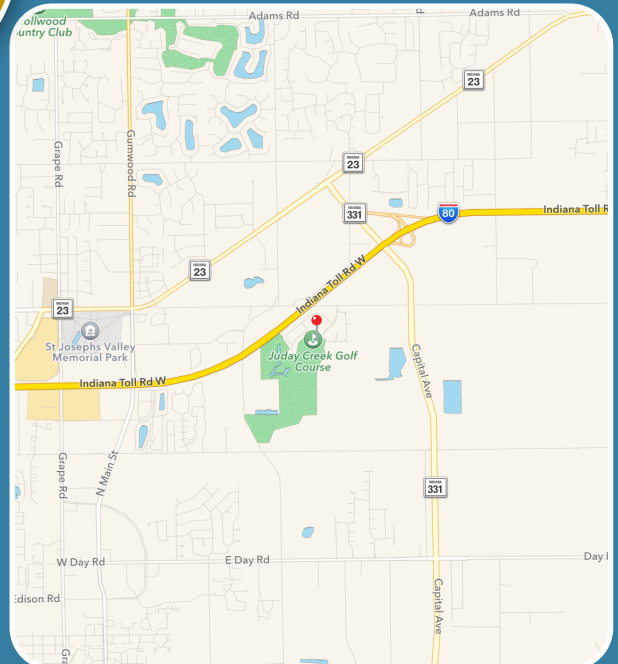
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If you're going to attend the club meeting April 20th please email Terry at terryflyfish@hotmail.com or call and leave a message at 269-424-5138. We need to give the folks at the Juday Creek Golf Course Event Center a number for people coming.

Please respond by 9:00 pm on the Friday.