

THE LOOP



Dustin New, Editor



Wednesday
September 21
Juday Creek Golf
Course Event
Center

SJRVFF WELCOMES NICOLE WATSON

Nicole began fly fishing at 9 or 10 years old. She is a passionate fly fisher and conservationist.

Currently, she is completing her research studying steelhead at Central Michigan University as a graduate student. Her research takes her to 46 tributaries surrounding Lake Michigan, twice per year. Her sampling sites include tributaries of the St. Joe, Kalamazoo, Manistee, Pere Marquette, and many others in both peninsulas of Michigan and in Wisconsin. She focuses on juvenile steelhead and uses the unique chemical signature of their ear bone

(otolith) to determine their nursery habitat. This signature is influenced by the water in which the fish lives. Streams with a unique water chemistry will result in a unique chemical signature of the fish's otolith. Analysis of the otolith signature can give insight to the life history of the fish and contributions of wild fish to the overall population; benefitting conservation and management.

Nicole is a member of Trout Unlimited, American Fisheries Society, and Anglers of the Au Sable.



She will share her fly fishing experiences, discuss the results of her steelhead research, and touch on some conservation topics.



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 21, 2016 at Juday Creek.

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 2016/2017 agenda and your input would be valuable. Grab one of the board members 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. I will be discussing the

responsibilities of each position at the upcoming membership meeting but if you're interested or know of someone who may be, please have them contact myself or Thomas Rhonda (Nominating Committee Chairperson). The commitment does not begin until 2017 but we'd like to have these positions filled as quickly as possible.

Thanks and I hope to see you next week!

Don



IT'S THAT TIME AGAIN!

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

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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.



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

SEPTEMBER RAFFLE

For the September meeting Craig has lined us up with an assortment of fine goodies. You'll have to come to the meeting to find out exactly what that will be.

UPCOMING EVENTS

OCT 15

OCT 19

NOV 16

NOV 24



**Salmon/
Steelhead
Outing**

Thorn Apple
Landing on the
Muskegon River

Club Meeting

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Thanksgiving

2016 SALMON/STEELHEAD OUTING OCTOBER 15

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.



2016 FLY TYING SEMINARS

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 m3plus2@hotmail.com.

2017 FLY TYING CLASSES

Next year being an odd numbered year, we will be doing the Beginner Fly Tying Class. This will be a seven week class learning the basic techniques, materials and tricks you need to begin your journey as a fly tier. 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.



I was fishing with a friend on a stretch of river we hadn't fished in several years. It was kind of like visiting an old friend, seeing how much remained the same and how it had changed over time. My friend remarked about a particular spot in the river and how he had nearly caught a nice brown trout there, his exact phrase was "I remember it like it was yesterday." Funny how we struggle to remember birthdays, anniversaries, and tax filing deadlines that come around annually but that hole, that bend in the stream, that willow tree next to the riffle is indelibly etched in our minds even if we haven't seen them in years.



One of the advantages of fly fishing is you get out there and see some beautiful places whether it's the Grand Tetons or just a pretty bend in a local stream, the sunlight filtering down thru the trees lighting up the shimmering rocks in the stream bed. You also see, hopefully, some beautiful fish, be it a silvery tarpon or the red speckled brookie. We get to see some interesting creatures from the tiny insects we study so carefully to all manner of beasts attracted to the water. Unlike other sports we are able to be relatively silent as we work up a stream (except when I trip over a rock or log) and catch sight of creatures that most people only see on TV. City folks pay good money to zoos and parks to see the beavers, otters, deer, elk, moose, eagles, turkeys, bears and other critters that

we see in their natural habitat. Of course they don't have to worry about being the next dinner entre of a brown bear.

Too often our photo galleries consist of grip and grin pictures most of which our children will inherit and delete or pitch. Without the context of the beauty of the stream, the excitement of the strike, that pulsation of that second rush of the trout towards cover, the wag of the tail as the revived trout heads back to its hole and the smile of our buddy watching all of this, those pictures lack meaning. Those of us who criticize a generation's fascination with endless "selfies" should look at our own photos and consider what historic record we are leaving behind. We could do a better job of capturing the beauty of fly fishing and what it means to us. A big thank you to Tim Scott and the other members who post those great pictures on the Club's Facebook page, website and in this newsletter.

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