

THE

# LOOP



Dustin New, Editor



Wednesday,  
December 21st  
at  
Juday Creek Golf  
Course Event  
Center

## SJRVFF WELCOMES ONE AND ALL...

The December meeting is a time to celebrate the past year. We will do that by giving out several awards to some very deserving members. Some are deserving for their good deeds, some are given for their less fortunate experiences. Along with the awards, a few of our members will be sharing presentations on some memorable trips from the past season. These presentations are sure to include pictures of beautiful places and the obligatory grip and grin shots. It'll be just like telling stories with

your buddies while sitting around a campfire, except without the campfire. And the addition of pictures. And better food. And a raffle. And a comfortable seat.



## BEGINNING 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 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. 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).



## PRESIDENT'S COLUMN

by Don Reber

It's hard to believe that it's been three short years since agreeing to accept the position as president for the SJRVFF Club. During the past three years, I've learned more about the sport of Fly Fishing than I had in the previous 10 years. There are many people who I owe a great deal of appreciation to but it all began with Joe Mitchell. Had it not been for Joe's encouragement to get off the sidelines and become involved, I seriously doubt I would have taken the step. I can now proudly say, I'm one of the many members of this club who was highly influenced by Joe's guiding hand. Quite an honor!

Next, I'd like to thank our current executive committee, Treasurer Lee Troyer and Secretary Jim Lothary, board members John Law, Tom Rondo, Jeff Downing, Craig Myers, John Barnhart, Bob Hagin along with committee heads Tim Pote, Brandon Rasler, Dustin New, Todd Ezzell, Blake Morse and Jeff Stanifer who lead the Fly tying classes. A big thank you to Sandy Troyer and Colleen New who've helped make the last two club auctions some of the best in club history and my unbelievable assistant Monique Santa who managed to keep most of what I sent out understandable and legible. It has truly been a blessing to be involved with this group and see them share their passion for the sport by working tirelessly to provide members with activities and programs designed to entertain and educate. A special thank you goes out to club Vice-President Terry Wittorp. Terry has been a tremendous mentor whose insight, guidance and friendship has always been appreciated. I'm very proud of what we accomplished as a group over the past three years.

Lastly, I'd like to thank you, the members, of SJRVFF. You've supported the club, attended the events, learned and had fun, which is exactly what we'd hoped to accomplish.

I wish new Club President, John Law, the best going forward. I'm confident he and the new board will do an outstanding job leading the club.

Thank you!

- Don

## DECEMBER RAFFLE

Craig is being very Santa like and not telling us what may be in his bag of goodies. Join us next Wednesday to find out if you've been naughty or nice - and what that gets ya!





### 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.

Just click the link to quickly send an email to Terry

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 Friday.**

### MEETING DETAILS:

Doors open at 6:30 PM  
Meal at 7:00  
Meeting starts about 7:30

#### Location:

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

**Parking is free.**

Meal cost \$16.00/ person

### MENU

Delicious Buffet you'll be sure to enjoy.





## MATCH WHAT HATCH?

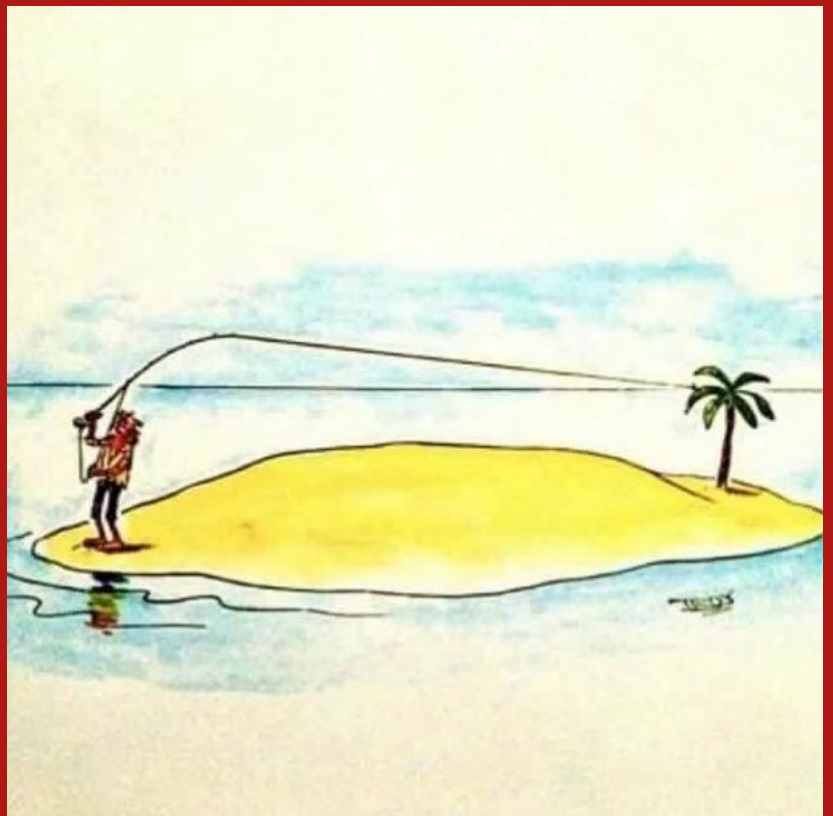
by Jim Lothary

With all due respect to the entomologists, biologists and expert fly tying aficionados in the crowd I have given up on trying to match the hatch. For our newer members the concept of matching the hatch is supposedly an attempt to select the one true fly that most closely matches the size, coloration and physical characteristics of whatever bug the trout in front of you is dining on at that moment. The concept of matching the hatch (MTH) has sold more books, magazines, fly shop flies and seminars than the total number of trout caught in the past 50 years.

Like every great concept MTH has been taken to ridiculous extremes. If one follows the MTH philosophy to its extreme and given the number of possible hatches, sizes of bugs, regional coloration differences, etc. you would need to enlist a Sherpa to tote the boxes of flies needed to cover all the possibilities. My vest already weighs 183 pounds what with all the gear and latest gismos packed in it. Adding 8,382 different flies and duplicates thereof in case, god forbid, I might put the ideal fly in a tree sounds like an invitation to a heart attack.

Then there is the problem of eyesight, both mine and the trout's. Unless the hatch consists of bugs the size of grasshoppers my limited eyesight precludes me from correctly identifying the differences between ichcodicowhatever and whatitsflies, if I had any clue what the differences were. I find reading entomology books about as exciting as reading the tax code. I have tried to get my wife to read entomology books to save on buying sleeping pills.

MTH assumes that trout have the time, interest and vision to correctly differentiate between bug A and bug B or bug A and a fly that looks somewhat similar to bug A. Time has to do with the speed of the current and fear of predators. The faster the current or greater chance of flying predators the less time the trout will invest in inspecting your fly. Throw in water coloration, glare, bubbles and other debris in the current and it is amazing that fish can feed at all. Interest assumes that the trout cares about the taste or texture of what it is considering dining on. Perhaps in their ideal pool trout have the time to be fussy. But just as you aren't that particular what goes in your bag at the drive-through window, I doubt that most trout are terribly picky when consuming their meal in the riffles. Finally, MTH assumes that trout have eagle like vision and can detect the tiniest deviations. If that were true I would be still waiting to catch my first trout.



# 2017 SJRVFF PROPOSED 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.

## Income

April Auction	8,600.00
Membership	2700.00
Raffle (Gross)	5600.00
Misc Income	0.00
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>16,900.00</b>

## Expenses

Auction Expense	1,000.00
Raffle Expenses	2,900.00
Outings	700.00
Dues & Subscriptions	600.00
Fly Tying Seminars	1,500.00
Grants Given	3,000.00
Library	100.00
Misc Business	1,250.00
Newsletter	350.00
Recognition/Awards	250.00
Monthly Meeting Meals	500.00
Speakers	3,000.00
Education - Tying Classes	300.00
Conservation	500.00
Tie-A-Thon	500.00
Board Meetings	450.00
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>16,900.00</b>
<b>Asset Purchases</b>	<b>0.00</b>

# WEST MICHIGAN FLY SHOW



Hosted by

THE GREAT LAKES COUNCIL OF IFF

JANUARY 14, 2017

**SEMINAR THEATER** Fishing Michigan Rivers; Five - 45 minute programs



Dave Barkman  
Pere Marquette  
10:00 AM



Josh Greenberg  
Au Sable System  
11:00 AM



Jon Ray  
Manistee River  
12:00 PM



Kevin Feenstra  
Muskegon  
1:00 PM



Brad Petzke  
Upper Peninsula  
2:00 PM

### FLY TYING INSTRUCTION CORNER

5 sessions of hands on Fly Tying Instruction (specific patterns, all materials supplied) Attendance is by \$10 ticket pp for each session. See schedule below.

#### SCHEDULE:

Fly Tying Instruction Corner and Seminar Theater

10:00 - 10:45 • 11:00 - 11:45 • 12:00 - 12:45 • 1:00 - 1:45 • 2:00 - 2:45

**FLY CASTING INSTRUCTION:** Pete Humphreys and staff. 30 x 120 ft casting area.

#### FIELD HOUSE:

Demonstration Fly Tiers • Fly Shops • Guides • Speakers • Vendors • Fly Fishing Clubs • Kids Tying Area

**50:50:** Ticketed winner receives 50% of money collected.

**LIVE AUCTION:** Mark Johnston, Organizer, Glen Blackwood, Auctioneer



#### 5 GUIDES 5 RIVERS RAFFLE:

**5 WINNERS-** First winner has choice of one of 5 - Full day guided trips for 1 or 2 anglers with guide/speakers on their designated river.

\$10 Tickets available in advance from participating fly shops and clubs.

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SHOW HOURS: 9 AM TO 4 PM

ADMISSION - ADULTS \$10.00 - 12 TO 17 YEARS: \$5.00 - 11 OR YOUNGER: FREE

Visit: [www.ffglc.org/](http://www.ffglc.org/)  
for complete information.

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Show Chair; sawyerdon30@gmail.com





# ELEVENTH ANNUAL TIE-A-THON

## APRIL 22ND

On **April 22nd** fly tyers from various Federation of Fly Fishers and Trout Unlimited Clubs from around the Great Lakes region will come together for the 11th annual Tie-a-thon to tie and donate flies benefitting three Trout Unlimited Youth Camps. The camps include Illinois Council of Trout Unlimited Youth and Fly Fishing Camp, Kalamazoo Valley Chapter of Trout Unlimited Youth Camp and the Trout Unlimited National Teen Summit which will be held in Michigan. The event is being held at the Elkhart, Ind. Conservation Club, which has donated their use of their facility again.



### About the Recipients

**The Illinois Council of Trout Unlimited** - The annual Conservation and Fly Fishing Camp is held on the banks of the famous Au Sable River in Michigan from July 23 to July 28. Campers learn more about conservation and fly fishing in a week at camp than most of us learn in a lifetime. The camp accepts young men and women ages 13 through 18. Instruction is provided by Trout Unlimited volunteers, faculty from Midwestern Universities, and local professionals.

For more information on the Illinois Council of Trout Unlimited you can check out the Oak Brook Chapter web site: [obt.u.org/](http://obt.u.org/)

**The Kalamazoo Valley Chapter Trout Unlimited** is hosting the Michigan Youth Trout Camp Tuesday June 25-June 29th at the Ralph A. MacMullan Conference Center on Higgins Lake, in the heart of Northern Michigan trout country. The four-day Camp is designed to educate our 12-16 year old boys and girls about the importance of protecting our cold-water resources. Students will discover what trout need to survive, where they hide, and, with help from some of Michigan's leading conservationists and anglers, how to catch them. No previous fly fishing experience is necessary!

For more information on the Kalamazoo Valley TU Youth Camp, check out their website, [kvctu.org](http://kvctu.org)

**Trout Unlimited National Teen Summit** – Every summer TU Teen leaders from across the country gather together to exchange ideas, learn about conservation and leadership, and shape the continually evolving TU Teens program. This year, the 6th annual Teen Summit will return to the birthplace of TU on the banks of the Au Sable June 21 – 25 at the Ralph A. MacMullan Conference Center in Northern Michigan.

For more information on the TU Teen Summit and to watch a video about last year's Summit in Montana, check out the website [www.tu.org/teens](http://www.tu.org/teens)

If you are interested, pick one pattern to tie, buy a box of 100 hooks, the materials and get tying! If you are not a fast tyer and can't complete your 100 flies in one day, 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.

Which patterns and sizes to tie? More information is available at [www.sjrfff.com](http://www.sjrfff.com) or visit Tie-a-Thon on Facebook. There are some excellent new tying videos on the Tie-A-Thon page in particular. Any specific questions, contact:

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 2 Year Director: John Law  
 3 Year Director: John Barnhart  
 3 Year Director: Bob Hagin

## COMMITTEE CHAIRS

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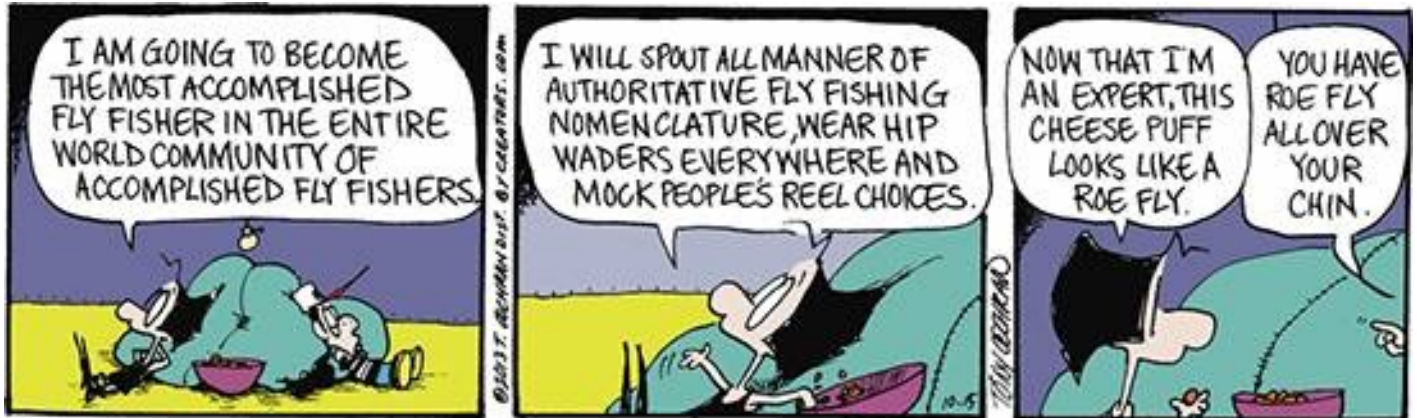


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UPCOMING EVENTS	DEC 25	JAN 1	JAN 14	JAN 18
	Christmas Day	New Year's Day! Start the year out right by getting out and fishing. Even for a few minutes.	Great Lakes Council of IFFF West Michigan Fly Show Grand Rapids, MI	Club Meeting 6:30pm - Juday Creek Golf Course Event Center

## CLUB AWARDS AT DECEMBER MEETING!

The club awards are given annually at the December meeting. Come see who tied, who fished, who got it done and who had a funny adventure. Awards will be presented for:

- Oakie Drifter
- Fly Fisher of the Year
- Fly Tier of the Year
- Harry Hustle

We will also be treated to presentations on several memorable trips taken by several club members this past year. Come join the celebration and laughs.



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