

THE LOOP



Dustin New, Editor



Wednesday,
November 16 at
Juday Creek Golf
Course Event
Center

SJRVFF WELCOMES JOHN GOUKER

John has guided for Schmidt Outfitters and D-Loop Outfitters for the past 14 years. He is a full time fly fishing only guide for trout, smallmouth bass and steelhead on the Manistee River, Little Manistee River, Pine River and Bear Creek.

His favorite fly fishing pursuits are top water smallmouth bass, streamer fishing for trout and swinging two-handers for steelhead. In his spare time he enjoys kayak fishing, hiking, fly tying and reading a good

book. John will provide information on fishing May to September on his favorite waterways. Note, John will also be tying some of his favorite patterns before dinner and his presentation.





November is the beginning of the holiday season; it's a time to relax, spend time with family & friends while we reflect on the past year. For fly anglers, it's the beginning for the "preparing season" using this time to fill our fly boxes, attend fly shows and read a couple of good books on the wonderful sport of fly fishing!

November is also a very important month for your club as we hold our Annual Meeting. The purpose of the annual meeting is for the President to report the activities of the club as well as elect individuals to fill open officer and Board of Directors positions. I want to thank the nominating Chairperson, Thomas Rondo, for his extra effort. I'm pleased to report that we have nominations to fill the open President, Vice President, Treasurer and two board

positions. It's important to note that even though the board makes nominations for these positions, as a member, you can also nominate an individual who you feel would be a good fit for a club leadership position. We ask that every member is in good standing plan on attending to vote on a new slate of candidates.

I also wanted to remind everyone that December is our meeting dedicated to honoring the service of our own members and recognizing those that have gone above and beyond in their service to SJRVFF. The categories for nominations are *Fly Tier of the Year*, *Fly Fisher of the Year*, *Harry Hustle "Todd Ezzell" Award*, *Oakie Drifter*, the *Life Time Membership award* and the *Joe Mitchell Achievement Award*. A detailed description for each of these awards can

be found on our website. Please take the time to show your appreciation by nominating a fellow member for their extraordinary efforts by going to our website and clicking on the link—[Nominate an Angler for an Award](#).

Lastly, December is the month where we give you, the member, a chance to show off a great trip you had with other club members or one that you had on your own. Please let us know if you'd like to share an experience you had this past year.

Hope to see you the 16th!

- Don



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.



We need a good head count for dinner planning for our group. They charge us if we tell them too many so get your name in or you might go hungry!

RSVP by emailing Terry at terryflyfish@hotmail.com or call and leave a message at 269-424-5138.

Please respond by 9:00 pm on the Friday.

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

Delicious buffet

NOVEMBER RAFFLE:

Craig has for us a Redington Vice fly rod 9ft 7wt 4pc. This is Redington's newest rod. Also Loon forceps, Simms nippers, Rio Powerflex leaders and a Simms Way Point waste pack.



BACK AT LEFTY'S HOLE

by Jim Lothary

While there are arguments over whether fly fishing is a sport, art, mania, form of mental illness or pastime we still enjoy it most days and, when the day is over we love to retire a dimly lit corner of our favorite establishment with a beverage and regale each other with our exploits. Our battles with the wily trout or bass or whatever, overcoming our inabilities or just plain clumsiness, fighting the elements and living to tell the tale all make for great entertainment.

But what about the other side? Did you ever wonder what the trout we released (or never caught) are saying to each other? One evening I slide down to Lefty's Hole to have a listen to what the other side of the game was saying.



"Did you see what Little Bass bit on? A Royal Coachman fly and a size 8 at that! Hey Bass, didn't you spend any time in school? What do you think you are a 6" brookie?"

"Hey, what was that moron in the blue waders doing out there in the riffle? I've seen better casting from a moose. And did the fat guy actually think we were gonna bite on a Lime Trude?"

"Those three guys in the Simms waders looked sharp until they all put flies up in the spruce tree. At least we have a head start on our Christmas decorations!"

"Look Brownie, you've got to stop biting on those Copper Johns and then snapping the tippet off on the snag. Sure that bling in your lip looks sharp but one of these days you're going to be swimming in butter in a frying pan."

"Hey bartender, pass me another ant. And Bo, you keep eating those grasshoppers and you won't fit in the riffle. Why don't you try some Tricos? Even if you accidentally bite on one with a hook that near sided guy in the TU cap will never see it and set the hook."

"Tomorrow let's bite on their indicators just to drive them nuts. First trout to get hooked is a carp!"



BEGINNER 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.

ELECTION TIME IS HERE

Election time is here and this is your opportunity to be part of the leadership of the SJRVFF.

How it works

The Board will identify and present a slate to the membership at the November meeting. Additional nominations for the available positions can also be made at that time from the floor by a member in good standing. All members in good standing can then vote on the nominees and we will have our leadership for 2017 set. That's a bit of simplification but we will deal with the details per the by-laws at the meeting as necessary. If you are interested in giving a bit of your time and talents, please talk with a board member.

Positions Available

Each year two of the six directors rotate off of the board and are replaced. Additionally, the President, Vice-President and Treasurer positions are available.

The Perks

First and foremost, you get to give back to the club that has provide many hours of entertainment and invaluable information to you over the years. There's nothing more satisfying than giving back.

Don't underestimate the value of the SJRVFF on a resume.

You have an awesome cast of past directors to draw from for advice and assistance. Over the decades the SJRVFF has been around there's someone who's been there, done that.

A better understand of what goes into making the SJRVFF great.

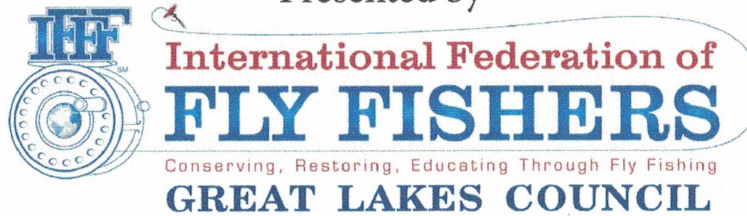


WEST MICHIGAN FLY SHOW

January 14, 2017

9am - 4pm

Presented by



Location

East Kentwood High School
6230 Kalamazoo Avenue Southeast
Grand Rapids, Michigan

Admission

Adults: \$10.00
12 to 17 years: \$5.00
11 or younger: free

Featuring:

Five Free Seminars on Fishing Rivers in Michigan

Raffle Package @10.00 per ticket. 5 winners given choice to select a Guided Trip for 2 on one of the following rivers: Au Sable, Manistee, Muskegon, Pere Marquette, or an Upper Peninsula river.

Tickets available in advance from participating fly shops and clubs

The Show Includes: Fly Casting Instruction, Fly Tackle Dealers, Fly Tyer's Showing their talents, Kids Tying Corner, Fly Fishing Clubs, Free Parking---and more.

Fly Tying Instruction @ \$10 (Limit 20 per session, Advanced Registration Advised)

For questions, contact: Don Sawyer at sawyerdon30@gmail.com

For Further Information: www.FFFGLC.org

DIRECTORS

President: Don Reber
 Vice-President: Terry Witorp
 Treasurer: Lee Troyer
 Secretary: Jim Lothary
 1 Year Director: Jeff Downing
 1 Year Director: Tom Rondo
 2 Year Director: Craig Myers
 2 Year Director: John Law
 3 Year Director: John Barnhart
 3 Year Director: Bob Hagin

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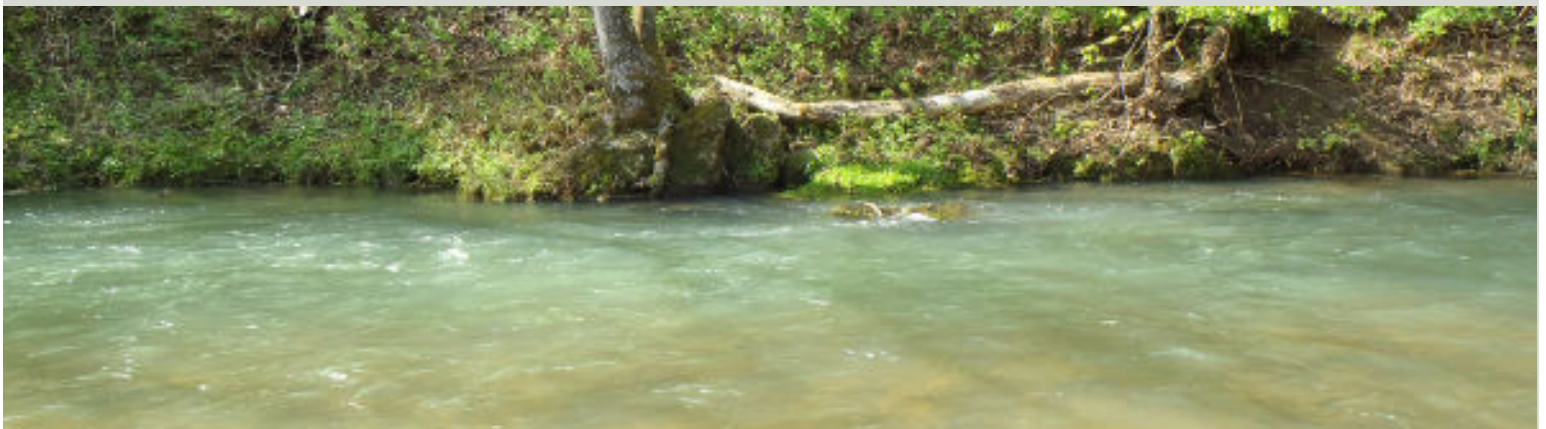


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UPCOMING EVENTS	NOV 24	DEC 21	DEC 25	JAN 18
	<p>Thanksgiving Time to start laying the hints for that rod or reel you want for Christmas</p>	<p>Club Meeting 6:30pm - Juday Creek Golf Course Event Center</p>	<p>Christmas Day</p>	<p>Club Meeting 6:30pm - Juday Creek Golf Course Event Center</p>

CLUB AWARDS AT DECEMBER MEETING!

The club awards are given annually at the December meeting. We are looking for nominations for the following:

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

There are several ways to make a nomination. Email any of the board members with you nomination, make a nomination to any of the board members in person at the November meeting or go to the SJRVFF website under the awards section and make a nomination there. For a detailed explanation of each award please go to the SJRVFF Website under the awards section. We need nominations from you...Please help.



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