

THE LOOP



Dustin New, Editor

Wednesday
January 18 at
Judy Creek Golf
Course Event
Center

SJRVFF WELCOMES JACK DENNIS

Jack Dennis is one of the Fly fishing professionals who really has done it all. Jack founded sporting stores, ski shops, fly fishing guiding operations, and a book and video company during 47 years in the business in Jackson Hole, Wyoming.

First as a guide, then an author of the best selling Fly tying books ever (over 600,000 books) which led to a video and DVD collection of over 50 titles.

Jack has hosted TV shows on ESPN, FOXsports, Outdoor Life and ABC. He has coached the USA fly fishing team in world competition, lectured at sports shows, fly fishing clubs, and was an advisor for fly fishing travel development for the governments of Australia, New Zealand, Argentina, Chile, and Canada for over 35 years. He

has literally fished around the world in every continent except Antarctica.

Jack founded the Jackson One Fly event some 29 years ago, which has donated over 10 million dollars to stream restoration. As Chairman of the successful US Wild and Scenic Headwaters Bill, Jack created a legacy beyond fly fishing, providing environmental protection to over 25 wild trout streams and rivers. Federation of Fly Fishermen awards include "Legend of Fly Fishing" and "International Ambassador" and Outside magazine named his fly fishing outfitters the best of the best.

He taught and has taken fishing US presidents, prime ministers, Senators, Supreme Court justices, movie stars, sports



figures, musicians and a host of foreign dignitaries, authors and people from all walks of life.

As a lover of the fly cast, Jack has helped in developing many fly fishing products from flies, waders, clothing, float boats, leaders, fly lines and especially his first love, fly rods.



First off - a big thank you to the Russian Government for rigging the SJRVFF election and nominating me for President. Don't worry I don't have a twitter account so no daily tweets, just my sincere word that I will work with the past leadership, future leadership and all current members of this club fully and equally.

My vision for the SJRVFF as we head into 2017 and beyond is to continue on the course we are on as a fly fishing club first and foremost. As such, I think we should provide education, fun and opportunity that isn't available anywhere else to all members.

I think we have a great diverse leadership group that is passionate about the club, what it stands for and for its future, and I don't plan on changing that direction. I

would also like to see the club grow the membership as we encourage younger fishermen and more ladies to become active and bring their unique perspectives to our group.

One thing I would like to do at this month's meeting is to have all members present complete a short questionnaire to allow the board and I to get a feel for what we as club members have in common, what we don't, how we all get our information, what is expected and what we as leaders can do better to make each and every club meeting an enjoyable experience.

Please know that if at any time, anyone has a question, idea, concern or a suggestion that you think may be of interest or something the club membership would benefit

from, I am always available and look forward to discussing it with you. Contact me direct via e-mail at jtlaw9@hotmail.com, or by cell at (574) 261-7534, or find me on Facebook or through the SJRVFF website.

I am really looking forward to serving you all and hopefully continuing on the path of making this a fun and exciting fly fishing club that will benefit everyone, including anyone from Russia that may have voted via a questionable web link.

Thank you.

John T. Law.



MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL TIME!

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

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

Just click the link to quickly send an email to Terry

- You can also 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 few 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 Saturday.

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

Meal cost \$16.00/
person

MENU

Buffet



I can't pretend to be an expert on fly tying as I have tied about 12 in the last 60 or so years. But I do admire the art of fly tying. Like all great arts fly tying has aficionados who tend to squabble over designs, steal patterns and break into competing sects. Currently, I believe three schools have emerged.

The Minimalist School of fly tying believes that less is more or are just too cheap to spend good money buying feathers and tinsel. It was founded by a puritan named John Wesley Doe who discovered that he could still catch brook trout with his only fly even after the last feather fell off it. The typical minimalist fly pattern consists of putting the smallest hook possible in your vice, wind two inches of white thread on the hook, whip finish and take the fly off the vice and put it in the Sucrets tin that you use for a fly box. The more daring of this school will use a second thread of black to highlight the design. To fish one of these flies requires the eyesight of an eagle to spot the eyehole and the dexterity of an Asian electronics assembler to thread the tippet thru it. The Minimalist school believes that trout have the appetite of a New York fashion model.



The Peacock school takes a slightly different tact. This school traces its roots back to the tyers of early salmon flies.

Unfortunately this school has been taken over by the guys you see on U tube who begin their offering with "Hey, watch this!" Their typical pattern begins with butchering a chicken or large fowl of some sort (preferably a rare or mutant one) and removing most of its intestines. Next, tear up a Christmas sweater for the thread. Use the thread to tie the carcass to the largest, longest hook you can find. Viola! Extra credit is given to those who can incorporate 3 to 4 pounds of mauve and teal flashabou into their creation. Tying on a Peacock school fly is easy but casting one takes a 12 weight rod, strong back and electric cabling for tippet. Peacocks believe that trout have the

appetite of a guy named Bubba who has been waiting three hours for the Golden Corral to open.

The Realist School of fly tying was founded by Lord somebody who believed that a fly was worthy only if it was the exact duplicate of the bug or larvae that the trout was eating at the time. Catching a trout or salmon on a fly that looked sorta real was poor sportsmanship. A caddisfly nymph imitation should be made of tiny twigs and granules of sand. If a real mayfly doesn't attempt to mate with your imitation you are not doing it right. Current Realist fly tyers have tying benches that resemble chemistry labs with all sorts of lacquers, plastics and other top secret compounds.



Me, I'll stick to my Royal Coachmen and Lime Trudies. They look good hanging from the limb of that tree I meant to avoid.

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/

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

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

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 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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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 or Dustin New at dustinnew@sbcglobal.net.



JANUARY RAFFLE

For the January meeting Craig has lined us up with some very fresh products. So fresh, in fact, that the fly shop is sending it to him at press time. Come see what showed up!

FLY TYING SEMINAR WITH PAT EHLERS

Date: January 28th, 2017

Location: The Elkhart Conservation Club

Cost: \$50.00 per tier

The seminar will be limited to 30 tiers. Pat Ehlers is the owner of The Fly Fishers Fly Shop in Milwaukee, WI. Pat will instruct us on tying warm water patterns that he has developed over his distinguished



career. This class is open to anyone who would like to participate but please note that this is not a "learn how to tie class" and all participants will already need to have a general knowledge of fly tying.

What to bring:

Each participant will need to bring a vise, tools, thread (various colors), and lamp (if necessary). The cost for this class will include lunch, needed materials, and beverages (water, pop, coffee)

Please contact Todd Ezzel at 574-202-0255 or m3plus2@hotmail.com if you are interested in participating and I will be happy to reserve you a spot or if you have questions.

DECEMBER AWARDS

As is tradition in the SJRVFF, the December meeting is devoted exclusively to the members. And a part of that tradition is member awards. This years winners were:



Jeff Stanifer
Fly Tier of the Year
(and most Santa like)



Michelle Brestelli
Fly Fisher of the Year



Terry Wittorp
The Todd Ezzell - Harry
Hustle Award



Todd Ezzell
Oakie Drifter Award



Lee Troyer
Wheatley Fly Box
for Outstanding Service

WEST MICHIGAN FLY SHOW



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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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For questions contact: Don Sawyer,
Show Chair; sawyerdon30@gmail.com



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READY FOR THE APRIL AUCTION?

Yes, it's only January but, if you're like me, something like the April auction can sneak up on you if you don't spend a little time preparing. Your preparations might include building a nice little two weight rod that I've been wanting. Or picking up an extra bobbin at the fly shop to donate for the auction. Or hitting up your favorite guide or lodge for a donation to the club. Maybe it's starting to squirrel away a few bucks a week so you'll have plenty of cash available on the big night. Whatever your preparations are, its a good time to start.

Our Auction Team is well on its way to making this year's auction as good as ever. Get in touch with Terry Wittorp or Todd Ezzell if you plan to donate something special or can help them out.



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UPCOMING EVENTS	FEB 14	FEB 15	FEB 29	MAR 15
	<p>St. Valentine's Day</p> <p>Good day to put some points in the bank!</p>	<p>Club Meeting</p> <p>6:30pm - Juday Creek Golf Course Event Center</p>	<p>National Holiday</p>	<p>Club Meeting</p> <p>6:30pm - Juday Creek Golf Course Event Center</p>