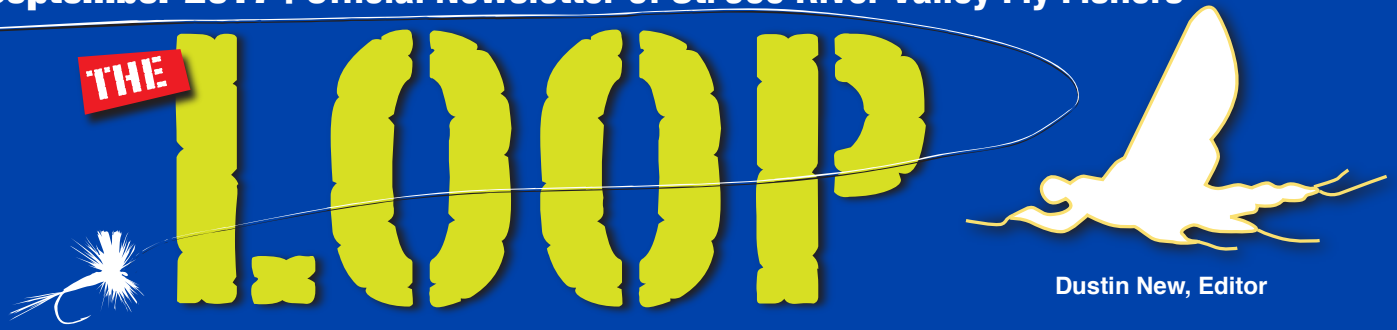


THE LOOP



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SJRVFF WELCOMES JIM DEXTER

Jim is the Michigan DNR's fisheries chief. He oversees 40 biologists and 50 technicians for the entire state. Of these individuals, 14 biologists and 24 techs are dedicated to field management. In addition to covering a lot of ground with a relatively small staff for the resources they are responsible for, Jim deals with both the political side of state government budgets and implementation of the budget decisions. Jim is a fisherman as well as a biologist and resource manager. He has fished throughout Michigan's lakes and Great Lakes, providing first hand knowledge of what

anglers experience and deal with. Jim's "inside" involvement in state decision making and priorities will provide a unique opportunity for us to hear where the Michigan fisheries stand and where they are headed as well as what we as anglers can do to enjoy even more of the outdoors.





Well, summer is winding down which means the big fish are making their way up some of our river systems. The early word is that this year's crop is composed of much larger than normal fish with some being down right enormous. Lake Michigan has had an increasing forage base for several years and the fish are really showing it. Tales of 40 plus pounders coming out of a few rivers are circulating around the fly shops and I don't think that's an exaggeration. The Kings that I have seen already this year are healthy, full of energy and downright brutes that could lay waste to a measly ole' 8 wt. If you have a 9 or even a 10-weight rod sitting in that closet waiting for a reason to bust it out and dust it off, well this is the year you get your chance. I really do think you will be happy to have the extra leverage.

This month's speaker is Jim Dexter, Head of the Fisheries Division for the Michigan DNR and one of the driving forces behind the decision to stock salmon and steelhead into the Great Lakes back in the late 60's and early 70's as a natural control for the then booming alewife population that was overwhelming the lake's natural ecosystem and threatening the already struggling fishery and

tourist industry. If you are old enough to remember going to the beaches back then and having to step over the thousands of smelly rotten carcasses that were washed up and not yet scooped up by the front-end loaders, then you have Jim to thank for putting an end to that. Jim was also a catalyst to having the fish ladders built around the dams on the St. Joe that we all rely on to deliver these amazing fish all the way to Mishawaka. So please come to thank Jim and bring with you any and all question you might have about Michigan's world-class fishery.

One order of business and a change I need to make you all aware of is that the board and Juday Creek Country Club management have decided to go to a plated meal from here on out. The price will remain the same and they promise that the plates will contain very generous portions. So no more waiting for your table to be dismissed, standing in line and risking the great embarrassing fall while holding a plate of food while walking back through the crowd. The plates will be brought to you by servers so all you have to do is a little lean to allow her to put your plate down, straighten up and dig

in. Let's give this a try and I think it will be a nice change.

So that said, **only the people that RSVP for meals will receive a meal.** I'm sorry but we need to be firm on this policy. We were having to make wild guesses and pad too many meals that may or may not have been used every month. So instead of upping the price we thought this would be a good compromise to continue to bring you all a wonderful meal for a very reasonable price. At check in, If you have reserved a meal, you will be given your silverware as you and pick up your name tag.

I have always been curious as to how many of you actually read this letter. So if you have gotten this far and haven't fallen asleep or gouged your eyes out, then I have a present for you at the meeting. Just give me the code word "pumpnickel" and you will have your choice of one of two gifts. Don't tell anyone about this as I want to see how many I actually get that have read this all the way through.

Fish on,

John

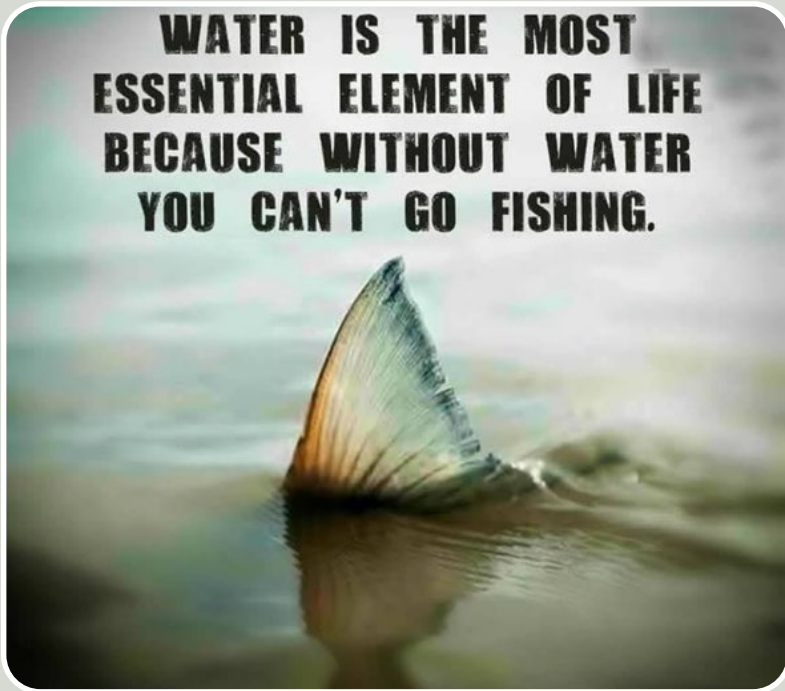


IT'S THAT TIME AGAIN!

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

SJRVFF
P.O. Box 933
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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

Plate Dinner

SEPTEMBER RAFFLE

For the September meeting Craig has lined us up with an 8 wt TFO rod and an assortment of other fine goodies. You'll have to come to the meeting to find out what that will be.

UPCOMING EVENTS	TBD	OCT 18	NOV 15	NOV 23
	Salmon/ Steelhead Outing Thorn Apple Landing on the Muskegon River	Club Meeting 6:30pm - Juday Creek Golf Course Event Center	Club Meeting 6:30pm - Juday Creek Golf Course Event Center	Thanksgiving

2017 SALMON/STEELHEAD OUTING - TBD

We are working on the details for the always popular Salmon/Steelhead Outing. What we know so far is that we'll be meeting at the Thorn Apple Landing on the Muskegon River. We'll be sending out a date and details as we get it nailed down. As always we will provide some chili and a chance to refuel for the afternoon bite. 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 have 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.



2017 FLY TYING SEMINARS

Each winter we invite accomplished fly tiers to spend a Saturday afternoon teaching us how to tie their favorite patterns or teach 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.

2018 INTERMEDIATE FLY TYING CLASSES

Next year being an even numbered year, we will be doing the Intermediate Fly Tying Class. This will be a seven week class building on the basic techniques from the beginner class while introducing new materials and tricks you need to continue 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.



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