

THE LOOP



Dustin New, Editor



Wednesday,
April 18 at
Juday Creek Golf
Course Event
Center

THE SJRVFF WELCOMES PAULA SHEARER

Paula lives in Calgary Alberta Canada and is a guide on the Bow River, and southern Alberta streams. She started fly fishing at a young age, by joining her dad and uncles trolling flies on numerous lakes. At the age of 8 she had “learned” the basics of casting, as well as the patience needed to untangle line. In her later teens she started fishing rivers, which is where she found her passion. She has gained knowledge and experience through countless days dedicated on the water.

In the summer and fall months you can find Paula guiding clients on the world famous Bow River and the numerous Rocky Mountain rivers and streams in Southern Alberta. When not guiding you can find her hiking into many of Alberta’s remote southern streams and lakes, or fishing the Bow river, casting to rising fish or throwing streamers to the banks in search of aggressive trout. When she’s not fishing the Bow River or mountain streams and lakes, she spends her time traveling to different destinations exploring new water in search of new species.

In the spring and winter months when possible, Paula heads west to British Columbia to swing flies for wild steelhead. In the evenings she occupies her time tying flies in preparation for the days ahead. She enjoys sharing her love for fly fishing and mentoring those who are new to the sport. Paula has been fortunate to be a part of several TV shows, films and photoshoots.



Paula is a proud Ambassador for; SIMMS, Gloomis, RIO, Hatch, Costa Del Mar, Watermaster, Sightline Provisions, Tailwaters Travel, Clackacraft and several others.



Short and sweet this month. The SJRVFF is a fishing club. A fishing club that needs fisherman. My goal is to make this a club fisherman need as well.



a friendly face and an old friend. It is an evening about fly-fishing.

Can't make it to a meeting on Wednesday night, that's ok too. We offer outings, picnics, conservation and habitat projects, tying events and of course fishing opportunities on a lot of weekends throughout the year. Just look at the upcoming events listed in this newsletter, there is something almost every weekend for the next two months.

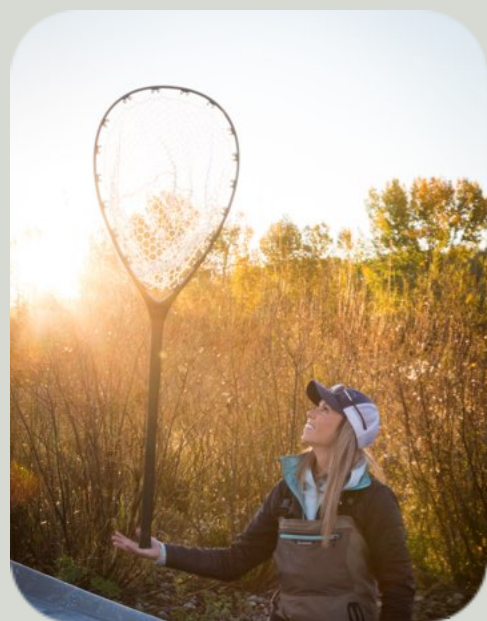
Of course, we are a fishing club and as such we need fly fishing members, but it is my hope as your president to bring you a fly fishing club you need as a fly fisher.

Fish on,

John

The whole idea is to bring fisherman (mostly fly fishers but no one will be turned away) together to discuss the sport, talk about what's new and old, what works and what doesn't, tell a few embellished stories and spend an evening once a month in a nice venue listening to a speaker that is informative and entertaining.

Our speakers are world class, the raffle has items that are high value and the freshest on the market, and the food is worth the money. There is always



MEMBERSHIP AND MEETING STUFF

TIME'S UP!

Membership renewal dues can still 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. Membership cards will be distributed at the auction and club rosters will be available upon request.
- Anyone who joined the club after September 1st, 2017 is automatically covered for the year 2018.

Click here to
Email RSVP
terryflyfish@hotmail.com

MEETING DETAILS:

Doors open at 5:30
Meal at 6:30
Auction starts about 7:00

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

Parking is free.

Meal cost \$16.00/
person

MENU

Buffet
Cash Bar

SPECIAL BONUS FOR READING THE NEWSLETTER

In addition to Paula's Program, she will be providing a casting demonstration near the Event Center before the meeting. Be there between 5:30 to 6:30 (weather permitting). In addition to being an outstanding guide, she is also a great caster. Come get some great tips, maybe a few pointers and a couple of things to work on over the next couple weeks to be ready for opening day!

UPCOMING EVENTS	APRIL 18	APRIL 21	APRIL 28	MAY 16
	Club Meeting Juday Creek Golf Course Event Center	2018 Annual Tie-A-Thon Elkhart Conservation Club	Michigan Opening Day Outing Bobbie Labar's Farm (se page 6)	Club Meeting Elkhart Conservation Club



DEFINITIONS

by Jim Lothary

Mule- A trout over 24 inches long or your fishing buddy when he refuses to call it a day after eight hours of forty degree rain and no fish brought to the net.

Lime Trude- A fly tied with lime green floss and white wings or the drink that young lady at the bar is enjoying way too much.

Fisherman's trail- A path that parallels the river or a path that begins to parallel the river but veers off through a patch of poison ivy, then wild rose bushes, then quick sand and ends in a dead end 15 miles from your truck.

Fen- A beautiful wetland along a stream that filters water and supports lush vegetation or the final resting place of any fisherman who tries to cross a fen.

Assortment- An array of diverse items or a collection of hundreds of flies except the only one that matches the hatch that the 20 inch rainbow in front of you is feeding on.

Wooly Bugger- A streamer tied in various colors designed to imitate a variety of creatures that trout eat or that tall biker with hairy arms, tattoos and a scar that you insulted as you unsuccessfully tried to leave the bar at 1 AM or the large footed beast you swear was watching you fish.

Bamboo fly rod- An expensive, hand crafted rod that comes with two tip sections both of which you will break the first time you take it fishing. *(editor's note: except for the Winston Binney rod available in the Opening Day Raffle)*



SPRING OUTING

The spring outing will be held at D Loop Outfitters in Welston Mi, on May 18, 19, and 20. Arrive Friday afternoon. Dinner will be served around 7:30 . Breakfast on your own Saturday followed by fishing on your own that day. You can call D-loop and hire one of their guides if you're not familiar with the area. They have a great guide staff. Dinner with Chef George Saturday night. Breakfast on your own again Sunday, followed by more fishing and then head home. Great rooms, a casting pond and a nice fly shop are all provided. This is a great place for our outing with nice rooms set in the woods. All rooms have refrigerators, kitchen sink and microwave along with a full bathroom and couch and chairs. If your interested in hiring a guide call as soon as possible to line one up. This will be a great time and a great chance to get to know some of the club members. Cost is \$185 per person. 12-15 spots are available but you must pay to hold spot. If you cancel, you lose \$110 to cover lodging if we cannot fill your spot. Money needs to be sent to Don Reber by May 6th.

Send checks to SJRVFF PO box 933 South Bend ,In 46624



2018 ANNUAL TIE-A-THON APRIL 21ST

On **April 21st** fly tyers from various Fly Fishers International and Trout Unlimited Clubs from around the Great Lakes region will come together for the 12th annual Tie-a-thon to tie and donate flies benefitting Casting for Recovery of Indiana and the Anglers of the Au Sable Youth Program. This Tie-a-thon will mark a special milestone. This year tyers will surpass a total of 100,000 flies donated by individual tyers over the past 12 years. In the 12 years of the Tie-a-thon, tyers have donated 98,458 flies which leaves us 1,542 flies short of 100,000 flies. This year, we expanded the list of flies to include more bass and bluegill flies.

About the Recipient

Casting for Recovery, Indiana (CFR)

The mission of Casting for Recovery (CfR) is to enhance the quality of life of women with breast cancer through a unique retreat program that combines breast cancer education and peer support with the therapeutic sport of fly fishing. The program offers opportunities for women to find inspiration, discover renewed energy for life and experience healing connections with other women and nature. CfR serves women of all ages, in all stages of breast cancer treatment and recovery, at no cost to participants.

Anglers of the Au Sable Youth Program - After the Marathon Clean Up The Anglers of the Au Sable ("Anglers") mission statement is to preserve, protect and enhance the Au Sable River System for future generations of fly fishers. They collaborate with Crawford County personnel in a way that fully satisfies this mission by educating the youth of Crawford County to appreciate and maintain the special resource that is the Au Sable River, through a river cleanup and fly fishing program.

These are the flies you asked to tie: (tie 100 flies of one pattern)

Fly	Hook Size
Adams	14
Ant	18 - 20
Beetles	14 - 18
Blue Wing Olive Emerger	18 - 22
Caddis Nymph	16 - 18
Clouser's Minnow	4 - 8
Elk Hair Caddis	14 - 16
Griffith Gnat	20 - 22
Hare's Ear	12 - 14
Hopper / Madam X	6 - 8
Mattress Thrasher / Stonefly dry	4 - 8
Meat gazer / Jimmy Rubber legs	4 - 10
Murdoch Minnow	4 - 8
Patriot	12 - 14
Pheasant Tail	14 - 16
Popper	4 - 6
Trico	20 - 22
Soft Hackle	14 - 16
Spider	12 - 14
Woolly Bugger	10

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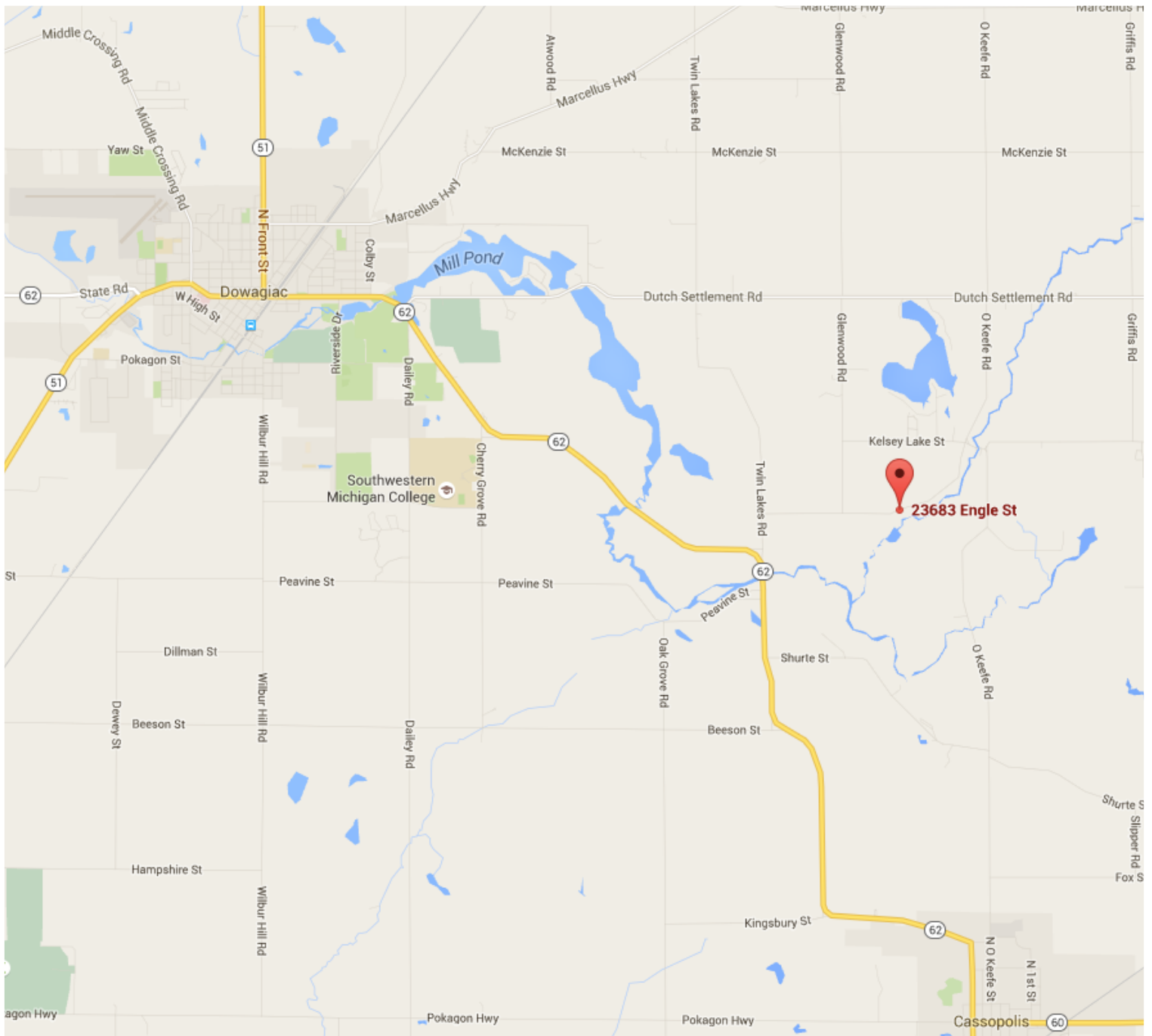
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OPENING DAY OUTING

The Annual SJRVFF Opening Day Outing may not be the official start of Spring, but it sure feels like it.

Nothing seems to let you know its time to start fishing like getting together with a bunch of guys and gals and telling fish stories. Many of the SJRVFF members have been getting together on the Trout Season Opening Day for decades. Many more have joined them over the years. Everyone is welcome. If you're not familiar with trout fishing, this is a great time and place to get started. There is always someone available to offer assistance, answer questions and show you some great places to fish.

The SJRVFF Opening Day Outing will be at Bobbie Labar's farm in Cassopolis, Michigan. Coffee and donuts will be available starting at 8:00 am and lunch will be ready at noon. There is no fee for the outing and drinks will be available followed by the Opening Day raffle at 1:00.

To get to the Labar farm, take either M-60 or M-62 to Cassopolis, MI. Then take Okeefe Rd north out of town to Engle St. (approx. 3.5 miles). Turn left on Engle St. Labar's farm is about 1/2 mile west of Okeefe Rd. The address is 23683 Engle St. Cassopolis, MI.

OPENING DAY ROD RAFFLE



We are very lucky to be able to offer an amazing rod for this year's Opening Day Rod Raffle. The winning ticket will become the proud owner of a bamboo rod built by our own Winston Binney. That's not just another rod but very possibly the finest rod you can hope to put your hands on, let alone call your own.

You know you want this. Buy a ticket for a true once in a lifetime rod.

We will be selling tickets at the upcoming meeting and on Opening Day. The drawing will be held at 1:00 pm at the Opening Day Outing, Saturday, April 28.



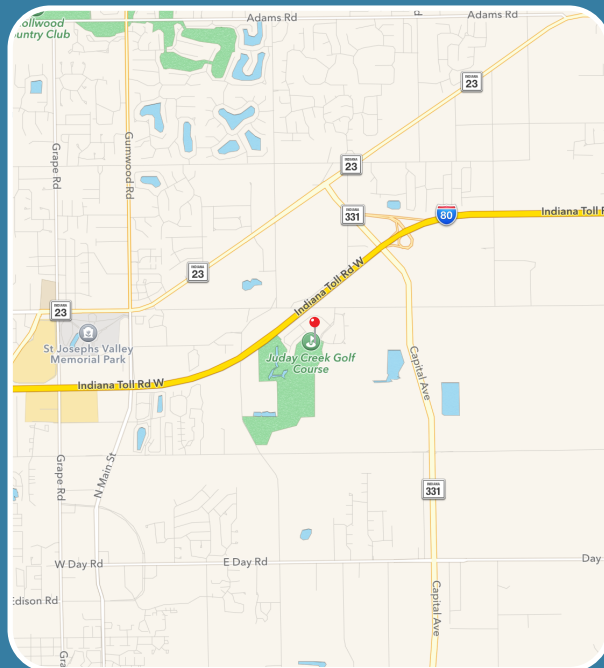
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UPCOMING EVENT DATES OF NOTE

- April 21 Tie-a-Thon
Elkhart Conservation Club main cabin
- April 28 Opening Day Michigan Trout Season
Bobbi LaBars farm on Dowagiac Creek (see map)
- May 5 Little Elkhart Chapter TU. Spring outing,
Middlebury – speaker George Daniel
- May 7 Elkhart Conservation Club General meeting
Speaker John Law, SJRVFF
- May 16 SJRVFF General Membership Meeting
Elkhart Conservation Club, Little Cabin
- Summer No meetings Scheduled so everyone has plenty
of time to fish
- June 16 Possible conservation project at Dodd Park on
Dowagiac River.
- Sept 19 SJRVFF General meetings resume

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If you're going to eat at the April club meeting please email Terry at terryflyfish@hotmail.com or call and leave a message at 269-424-5138. No RSVP, no fixin's for you.

Please respond by 9:00 pm on the Friday.