

THE LOOP



Andy Kitson, Editor



Wednesday,
Dec. 21 at The Sixth
Floor of the Ramada,
Downtown South
Bend.

SJRFFF AWARDS AND STORY NIGHT

It's December and I wondering if anybody went fishing this year? The December meeting is when you get to tell the rest of us about that fishing trip you took this year. It's your time to show off some fish, scenery, and tell us all the lies you've concocted over the summer. Any format works, and we can help you with anything that you might need. It's easy....have your kid or grandkid help you with the computer and just bring the media (disk, zip-drive, whatever you got....) and SJRVFF will have a computer and screen for you to use. We have some speakers too...for those who really want to show off. You didn't have to go on that once-in-a-lifetime trip to do a show and tell....Kitson is always bragging to me about the trout he catches on his Amish farms, Bardusk sends me photos of some great fish from his "just across the border" stream, and Tim can't help but to tell me lies about all the smallmouth he whacks in the St. Joe....of course if you did take a really cool trip to a neat place...we want to know about it. Go ahead....brag it up!

Give me a call or send me an email so I can put you on the list. Right now nobody is on the list..... Your program or presentation doesn't need to be long...10-15 mins. or even less. If you want to do something longer that's OK too, we would love to hear about your adventures!

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Dasha Mattei with
her first trout



Two years have come and gone and it was a pleasure to serve as President of this club. I want to thank the fine board that served with me. Thanks to Jeff Stanifer, VP, and Tim Pote, Director, who are going off the board at the same time I am. Thank you to the rest of the board that are still continuing and thanks to Bill Vail and Mary Helen Znavor for stepping up and volunteering your time and talents. You all will continue to do great work. Thanks.

I cannot say it enough. This club is one of the best in the country and it takes its members to volunteer. You don't have to dedicate your life to it, but help out at a function or look to serve on the board. I always tell people who are looking to come on the board; start out as a director you can slowly work yourself into as much or as little as you want with this club. The one thing that is needed is new ideas, voices and talent. Please don't rely on the same people to drive this club, if you do it will get stale and wither. It is easier than you think. This is a fishing club and there are no politics involved, the board main goal is so that you members have a great experience in fly fishing.

When you are out fishing please remember Stream Etiquette. I am running into more and more fly fishers who either forget about stream etiquette or do know it. Too often we have steelhead or trout fever we forget about those in the water. I had two nice gentlemen proceed to trespass across private property, on the Dowagiac River, and then jump into the run 20 feet down from me to take the run I was working my way down to fish. They thought they were being nice by walking the woods and getting downstream from me. I left the river to them; they clearly wanted the run and to catch a steelhead or two more than I did. I let them have the next two runs and moved to another river where there were no people and tons of fish. Karma.



Remember Stream Etiquette:

- When fishing downstream yield the right-of-way to anglers working upstream.
- When you come across another angler, ask him or her how to proceed around them and where they are immediately fishing; give them as much leeway as possible.
- An angler has the right to fish his or her spot unmolested. Don't crowd other anglers.
- If you come across an angler sitting on the bank or standing in the water, ask if they are resting the pool before you fish it yourself.
- Don't litter!
- Don't trespass!
- Never break the confidence. When someone tells you about

a secret spot, or take you there, don't tell anyone without their permission.

- Always follow fishing regulations.
- Don't block accesses for boats or anglers with your car or trailer.

See you at the meetings and on the water... and one last photo for the road. This is a Chris Helm's Mouse. It was the second option that did not make the GLC Fly Expo T-Shirt. It was fun to shoot and always an honor to work with Chris Helms. This was photographed on the Dowagiac Creek one summer evening. Remember Chris Helms in your prayers as he is ill. He is truly one of the great fly tyers in this country.

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2012 GUEST TYERS ANNOUNCED

ANOTHER ALL STAR LINE UP!

Jeff "Bear" Andrews

When: Saturday January 14th, 2012 from 9:00am to 4:00 pm
Where: The Elkhart Conservation Club (main building)
Cost \$50.00

Jeff "Bear" Andrews has been fly fishing and tying flies for 48 years. In 1998 he was the recipient of the "Buz" Buszeck Memorial Fly Tying Award, the highest honor bestowed upon a fly tyer by the Federation of Fly Fishers. Jeff has tied flies commercially for 34 years producing as many as 2000 dozen flies a year and has taught 1000's of people to tie flies. Jeff will be instructing us on patterns that he has created for trout, steelhead and maybe even a carp fly or two.

What to bring and what is included: Please bring your own tying tools (vise, lamp, tools, thread, etc). Lunch will be provided as will all of the materials for the flies that we will be tying.

Mike Schmidt

When: Saturday February 18th, 2012 from 9:00am to 4:00 pm
Where: The Elkhart Conservation Club (main building)
Cost \$50.00

Mike is the owner of Angler Choice Flies; a decade old commercial fly tying company based out of Dublin Ohio. With a variety of established patterns. Mike strives to push the limits of materials on the market to create " the next generation of flies". Every pattern that is designed at his vise is thoroughly water tested. Mike will be instructing us on streamer patterns that he has created.

What to bring and what is included: Please bring your own tying tools (vise, lamp, tools, thread, etc). Lunch will be provided as will all of the materials for the flies that we will be tying.

Dennis Potter

When: Saturday January 14th, 2012 from 9:00am to 4:00 pm
Where: The Elkhart Conservation Club (main building)
Cost \$50.00

Dennis is the owner of Riverhouse Fly Company and has been a fanatic fly tier for 30+ years. Dennis has developed a variety of must have flies which work in well in almost any situation. This class will help to expand your repertoire and refine your tying techniques.

What to bring and what is included: Please bring your own tying tools (vise, lamp, tools, thread, etc). Lunch will be provided as will all of the materials for the flies that we will be tying.

All of the guest fly tying seminars are open to anyone that would like to participate, however, these seminars are not intended to be a "first time" learning to tie flies class. Some basic fly tying techniques are required. What these seminars will do is help take your fle tying to the next level with instruction from some of the best in the industry.

Please contact me at [\(574\) 202-0255](tel:5742020255) or m3plus2@hotmail.com if you have any questions or would like to reserve a spot.

Thanks,
Todd Ezell

MEETING INFO:

Wednesday December 21, 2011

Doors open at 6:30 PM meal at 7:00,
Meeting starts about 7:30.

Location: Sixth floor of the Ramada in
the Chase Building Downtown South
Bend, 213 W. Washington Ave.

BYOB: Due to a temporary
technicality with its liquor license, The
Cellar Door can no longer serve
alcoholic beverages until further notice.
Members of SJRVFF may bring in their
own alcohol to consume. The Cellar
Door regrets this and will inform us
when the license is reinstated. As
always, please drink responsibly.

MENU:

An incredible Christmas feast.

NEW!! BOOKS ADDED TO SJRVFF LIBRARY

Hook Line and Sinister: Mysteries to Reel you in

By T. Jefferson Parker

Sixteen of America's favorite author-anglers spin tales of mystery and fishing in this collection. From the tragic to the comic with many stops in between, these stories reflect the authors' passions for both making stories and catching fish. Michael Connelly, Ridley Pearson, John Lescroart, Don Winslow, Melodie Johnson Howe, Victoria Houston, and others all share a mysterious affection for things piscatorial when not busy writing bestselling books. This collection of all-original short stories will entertain even the most discriminating mystery reader.

Proceeds from this book will help support two charitable groups, Casting For Recovery, which helps women cancer survivors to heal body and soul through fly-fishing, and Project Healing Waters, which does the same for our returning veterans.

Hemingway on Fishing:

By Nick Lyons

Hemingway on Fishing collects the bulk of the author's angling-related writings, including other Nick Adams stories and excerpts from several novels--most notably, the memorable wine-soaked pilgrimage to Spain's Irati River in *The Sun Also Rises*. However, the lesser-known newspaper and magazine articles may elicit even more interest among readers. A piece that the 21-year-old Hemingway wrote for the *Toronto Star Weekly* in August 1920 reveals his rather precocious confidence. "At present the best rainbow trout fishing in the world is in the rapids of the Canadian Soo," he announces in the first paragraph, and then proceeds to scotch any hopes of an easy catch:

It is a wild and nerve-frazzling sport and the odds are in favor of the big trout who tear off thirty or forty yards of

line at a rush and then will sulk at the base of a rock and refuse to be stirred into action by the pumping of a stout fly rod aided by a fluent monologue of Ojibwayian profanity. By 1933, Hemingway was writing about his true angling passion--deep-sea big-game fishing--for the likes of *Esquire* and other large-circulation glossies. In "Marlin of the Morro: A Cuban Letter," he notes that when the northeast trade winds blow, the "marlin come to the top and cruise the wind." To catch a fish, the saying goes, you must think like one--and Papa's perceptive descriptions of piscine behavior show why he was considered one of the premiere anglers of his day. It's true that Hemingway indulged his passions in life and on the page, and that sometimes the former got him into trouble. As for the latter, those of us who enjoy a good fish story are the luckier for it. --Langdon Cook

Fly Fishing Tailwaters: Tactics and Patterns for year-round waters

By: Pat Dorsey

Tailwaters provide extraordinary year-round fishing, but you have to know how to fish them. The author covers how tailwaters work - how cold waters released from a dam affect the water, the aquatic life, and the fish. This book has it all: the hatches, the best imitation flies to use in every circumstance, nymphing and dry-fly tactics, all illustrated with drawings by artist Dave Hall and more than 200 color photographs.

Sight Fishing for Trout

By: Landon Mayer

Sight-fishing expert Landon Mayer teaches you what you need to know to spot the trout before you cast--because if you can see a trout, you are more likely to catch that trout.

Brook Trout Forest

By: Kathy Scott

Kathy Scott's *Brook Trout Forest* is a simple, journal-style essay book covering a year in the life of the author, and Scott focuses on the themes of teaching, bamboo fly rod building fly fishing and nature.

Her essays are shorn of the self-affected posturing cluttering so much of today's fly fishing literature, and those who believe fly fishing adventure exists only when a former soviet republic is involved will probably want to look elsewhere.

Instead, Scott simply pens a sweet, simple straightforward account of her year in fishing and bamboo rod making. There is little conflict or drama, a fact which is likely the book's greatest strength and perhaps its biggest weakness

Fishing the Film

By: Gary Borger

Fishing the Film still holds the greatest attraction for the fly rodder in any water type. Fish feeding at the surface film are not necessarily eating "dry flies"; they might be feeding on emergers, nymphs, minnows swimming near the surface, mice or frogs swimming in the film, and other organisms utilizing the uppermost layer of the water. In this book, Gary Borger covers the skills necessary for successfully fishing the film, including an understanding of what fish see when feeding at the surface. There's a thorough look at the food organisms of the film zone and Gary reveals the secret of the Universal Emerger, hatch types, rise forms, and much more. The book contains a host of tactics for fishing the film, including both dead-drift and action-packed presentations. A chapter entitled, "What, When, Where, Why, and How" details the presentation tactics for fishing stream and lake situations. Throughout the book, the "how to" is animated with stories that stretch back over half-a-century of Gary's fly-fishing life.

Complementing all of this is a collection of black-and-white illustrations by Jason Borger.

Spring Creek Strategies: Hatches, Patterns, and Techniques

By: Mike Heck

Strategies for selective trout in clear water New patterns designed for spring creeks and how to fish them Simple explanations of the major hatches on spring creeks across the country Spring creeks, those rare waters that flow right out of the earth--in whole or in part--are both a blessing and a curse for anglers. They are a blessing because the clear, cold, nutrient-rich waters grow abundant insects, which in turn grow and sustain large populations of healthy trout. They flow free of ice in the winter and run cool during the hottest parts of summer, providing year-round angling. In many ways, this bounty becomes a curse, because the abundance and steady supply of food can spoil the trout, making them less likely to take a piece of fluff and feathers. Many spring creeks are also small, their challenges enhanced by weed-choked runs and tricky currents.

Fly Tying: 30 Years of Tips and Tricks and Patterns

By: Joe Healy and Ted Leeson

Readers will discover the most effective, most original, and most historic flies published in the 30-year history of Fly Rod & Reel magazine. The book is filled with fly-tying tips and fly-pattern designs straight from Fly Rod & Reel, contributors such as Darrel Martin, A.K. Best, Ted Leeson and many others; all make this a must-have or perfect gift for a fly tier of any skill level.

Rotary Fly Tying Techniques

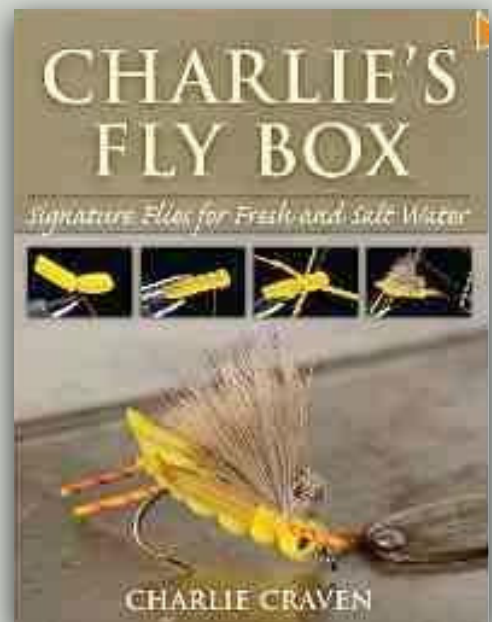
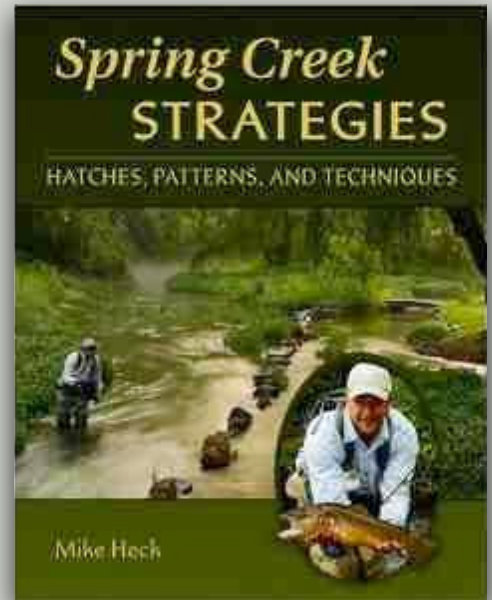
By: Al & Gretchen Beatty


Whether they use one or not, most tiers do not understand the full potential of a rotary vise--including many of the leading fly tiers in the industry. Most tiers are still just using them to see the bottom of the flies they are tying, but their uses and advantages go far beyond this. Now with this book, the Beattys share their decades of experience and knowledge to unlock the mystery behind this type of vise and you won't believe what you have been missing. Rotary Fly-Tying Techniques main objectives are to explore a sampling of true rotary vises currently available on the market, guide tiers through the sometimes frustrating adjustments needed to use their rotary vise to the fullest, share tying tips and tricks for quickly tying effective flies, and tie 36 flies--for fresh and saltwater species--with clear instructions and step-by-step photography. There is no other book that explains everything you need to know about rotary vises and their many advantages, you will be amazed at how a rotary vise will improve your fly-tying.

Charlie's Fly Box: Signature Flies for Fresh and Salt Water

By: Charlie Craven

Learn to tie 17 best-selling patterns for trout, bass, and saltwater flats species such as bonefish and permit Over 750 step-by-step photos 60 pattern recipes, with author's favorite variations.



COMING EVENTS	DEC. 21	JAN. 7	JAN. 14	JAN. 18
	<p>Salmon Outing See Page 4 for more info.</p>	<p>Indiana on the Fly. Indiana State Fair Grounds.</p>	<p>Guest Tyer: Bear Andrews See Page 3</p>	<p>Club Meeting Doors open at 6:30pm.</p>

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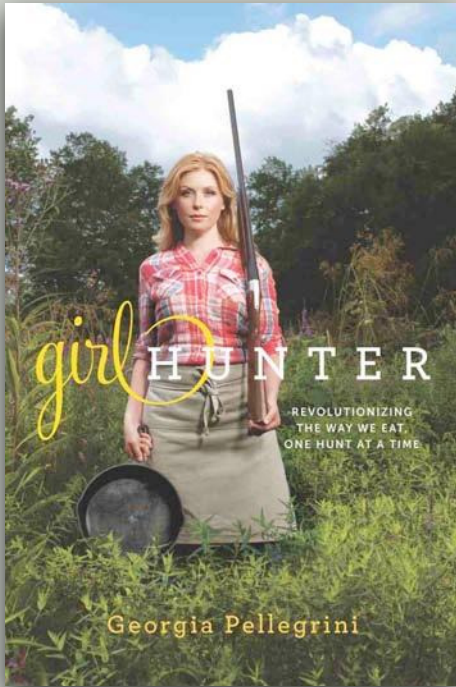
Great Lakes Fly Fishing Co. and the Hex Shop will be selling fly tying materials, and supplies.

• Plenty of seating • Lunch and snacks will be available

For more info. contact Terry Walker 616-204-1669 at ixlox7@hotmail.com

Grand River Fly Tiers are a Charter Club of Great Lakes Council of The Federation of Fly Fishers





Indiana On The Fly Show is scheduled for Saturday, January 7, 2012

At the Indiana State Fairgrounds from 9:00-5:00.

Another Exciting Show filled with great seminars, fly tying demonstrations, casting tips, upland bird hunting and much more!

FEATURED HIGHLIGHTS:

Key Note Speaker: **Beau Beasley**

Smallmouth Expert: **Tim Holschlag**

Upland Huntress: **Georgia Pellegrini**

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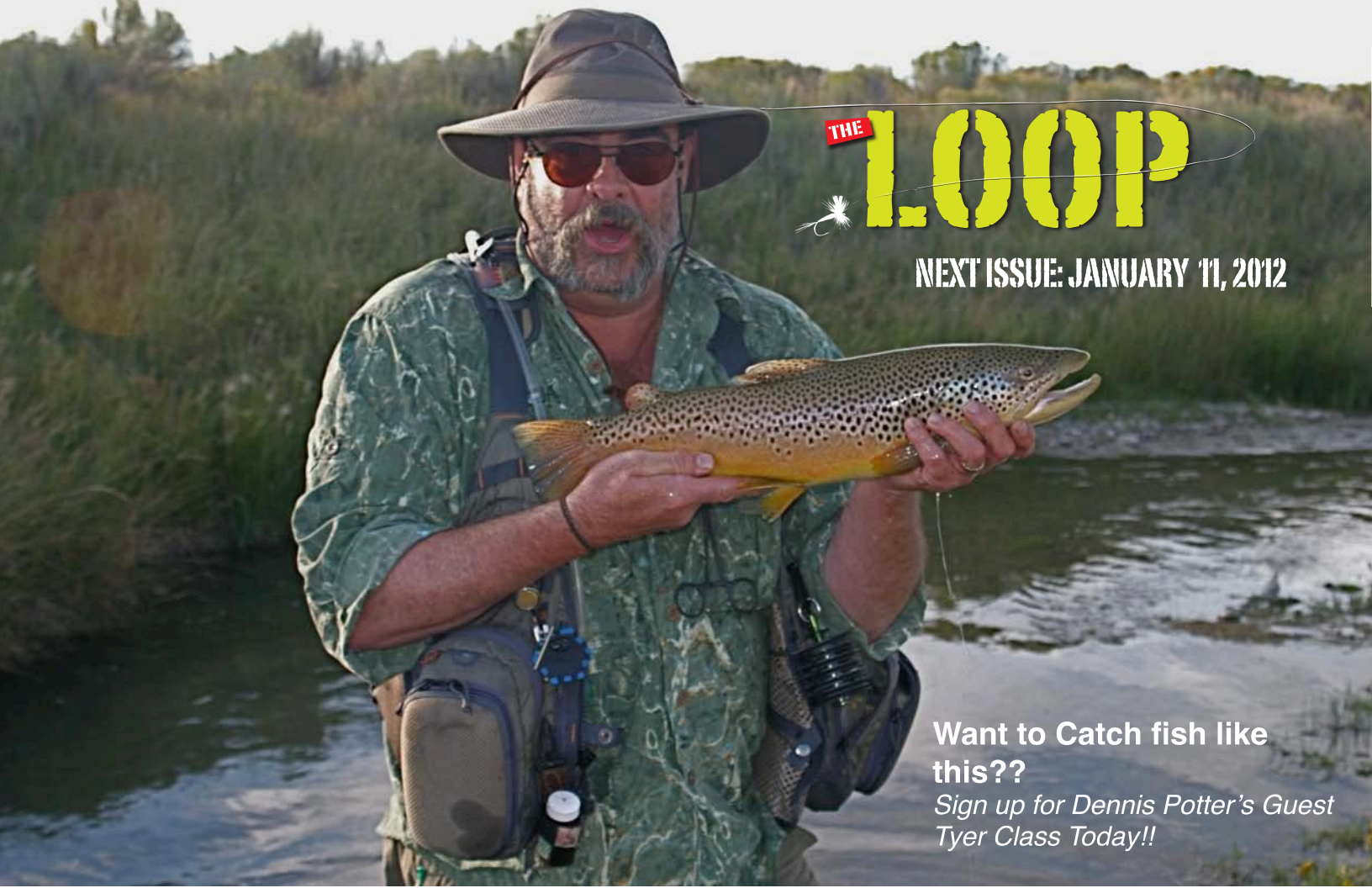
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